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LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

Members of the ACEP Disaster Medicine Section,

Congratulations on another successful ACEP Scientific Assembly! It was great seeing so many of you in Las Vegas at the Disaster Section meeting, the new Section Crawl, and the various related meetings held throughout. I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing participation in the Section and to provide some updates after the meeting.

First, we had a successful year internally at ACEP. We were tasked, with our colleagues from the EMS Section, to define for the ACEP Leadership specifically what is the purpose and benefit to the College of the ACEP Department of EMS and Disaster Preparedness. A task force of members was convened to evaluate the Department, the organizational home for the sections and committees for Disaster Medicine, EMS, Air Medical Transport, Event Medicine, and Tactical and Law Enforcement Medicine. Our colleagues on the task force, led by Dr. Jon Krohmer, volunteered many hours meeting and composing a twenty-page document outlining our value to our members and to the College as a whole. The feedback we received was categorically positive and well-received. This was a defining time for our subspecialty at ACEP and our support from our leadership is strong. Additionally, we successfully lobbied for a change to the name of our department, which is now the ACEP Department of EMS and Disaster Medicine, reflecting the uniqueness of Disaster Medicine as a separate field of study. We look forward to the changes throughout the ACEP website to reflect this new identity.

The meeting included updates from many of our external partners, including the National Center for Disaster Medicine and Public Health, the HHS ASPR, NEMPAC, FICEMS, National Emerging Special Pathogens Training and Education Center, NHTSA, the National Disaster Life Support Foundation, and many others. We look forward to continuing to grow our relationships with this vital organizations in the coming years.

The coming year will require continued dedication from our members and leaders as we work toward achieving our goals with the Section mentorship program, lecture series, and other projects. If you are interested in serving the college on a project, please contact us. Next year at ACEP Scientific Assembly we hope to continue some of the educational content changes to further highlight disaster medicine and disaster research in particular. We will also be electing new officers for those of you interested. Lastly, I hope to make a push for increased meeting attendance. In addition to better scheduling of meeting times that allow for members to attend multiple different section meetings instead of choosing one, we would like to solicit ideas from the members reading this to help identify meeting content that will make attending more attractive and worthy of your time at ACEP. Please contact George Solomon or me directly for any ideas or discussion. The Section exists for you, let us help make it better. See you in Salt Lake next September!

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Chair, ACEP Disaster Medicine Section



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UPCOMING DISASTER OPPORTUNITIES

MULTIPLE DATES

- Center for Domestic Preparedness ([more info here](#))
- Tactical Emergency Casualty Care (TECC) ([more info here](#))
- Medical Preparedness and Response to Bombing Incidents (MPRBI) ([more info here](#))
- TEEX Medical Management of CBRNE Events ([more info here](#))
- NOLA Wilderness Upgrade for Medical Professionals ([more details here](#))
- FEMA Emergency Management Institute (EMI) ([more details here](#))
- FEMA Center for Domestic Preparedness (CDP) ([more details here](#))

FEBRUARY 2025

- **February 10:** Austere Medicine: Trauma Focus 2025 ([details here](#))
- **February 25-27:** Health Physics in Radiation Emergencies; Oakridge Institute, Oakridge, TN ([details here](#))
- **February 24-28:** Field Management of Chemical and Biological Casualties, USAMRIID; Aberdeen, MD ([details here](#))

MARCH 2025

- **March 9-14:** Agnostic Solutions for Characterizing and Mitigating Chemical and Biological Threats, Ventura, CA ([details here](#))
- **March 17:** Nation at Risk Symposium: Preparedness and Response to unconventional Health Threats. Meeting 1. ([details here](#))
- **March 18-19:** Operational Medicine Symposium; San Antonio, TX ([details here](#))

APRIL 2025

- **April 8-10:** Medical Biodefense Conference; Munich, Germany ([details here](#))
- **April 8-10:** Radiation Emergency Medicine; Oakridge Institute, Oakridge, TN ([details here](#))
- **April 11:** Nation at Risk Symposium: Preparedness and Response to Unconventional Health Threats. Session 2 ([details here](#))
- **April 21-26:** Field Management of Chemical and Biological Casualties, USAMRIID, Aberdeen, MD ([details here](#))
- **April 22-24:** Advanced Radiation Medicine, Oakridge Institute, Oakridge, TN ([details here](#))
- **April:** Conservation Medicine Course (WEM); Namibia ([details here](#))

MAY 2025

- **May 2-6:** World Association of Disaster and Emergency Medicine (WADEM) - Congress on Disaster and Emergency Medicine; Tokyo, Japan ([details here](#))
- **May 13:** Nation at Risk Symposium: Preparedness and Response to unconventional Health Threats: Session 3 ([details here](#))
- **May 13-15:** Radiation Emergency Medicine; Oakridge Institute, Oakridge, TN ([details here](#))
- **May 21-28:** ACEP EMS Week - National Pre-Hospital Blood Drive

ANYTIME

- **National Center for Disaster Medicine and Public Health: Disaster health Core Curriculum** ([link](#))
- **American Red Cross Training Modules** ([link](#))
- **YEDM Refresher Course 13: Disaster Medicine Training** ([link](#))

2024: YEAR IN DISASTER PHOTOS

JANUARY | USA

<https://disasterphilanthropy.org/disasters/2024-us-tornadoes/>



FEBRUARY | Trinidad and Tobago



<https://www.cnn.com/2024/02/12/climate/trinidad-tobago-oil-spill-national-emergency-intl/index.html>

<https://www.unocha.org/publications/report/afghanistan/afghanistan-floods-flash-update-1-30-march-2024>

APRIL | Rio Grande do Sul



<https://www.cnn.com/2024/05/03/weather/brazil-rain-floods-intl/index.html>

MARCH | Afghanistan/Pakistan



MAY | Papua New Guinea

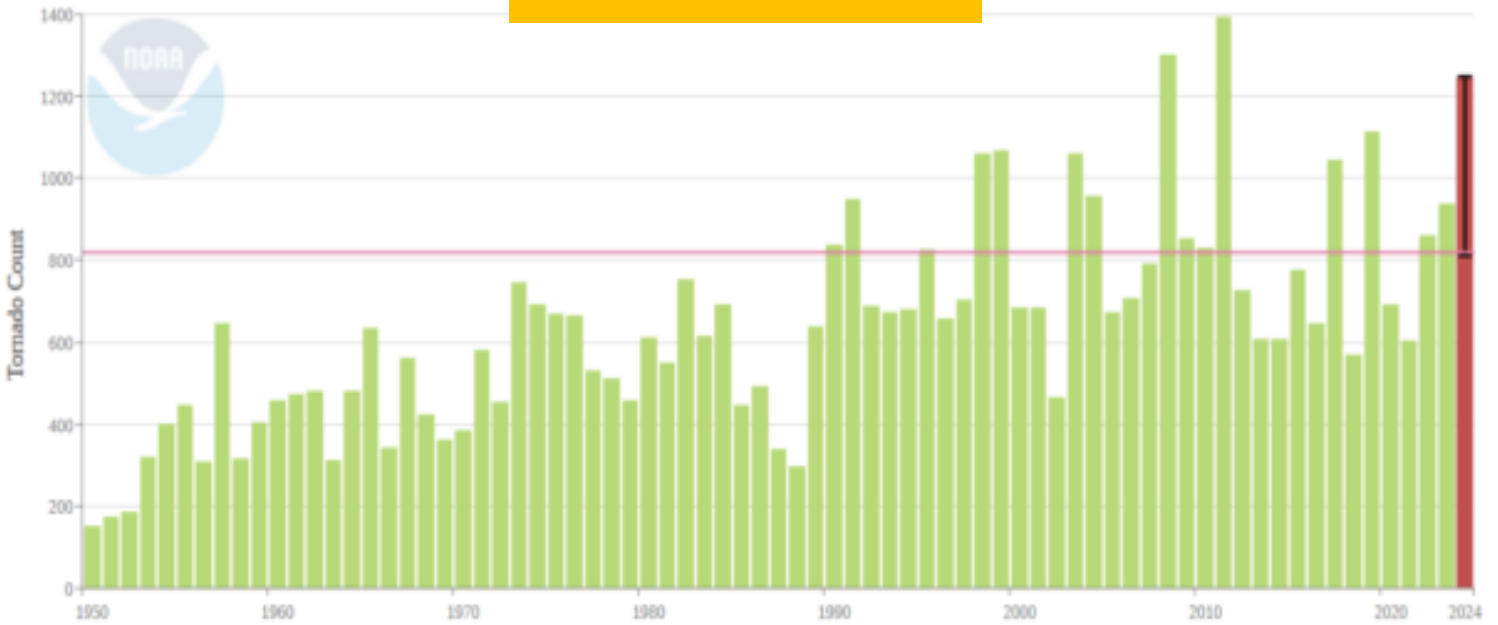
<https://www.cnn.com/2024/05/28/asia/papua-new-guinea-landslide-satellite-imagery-intl/index.html>

U.S. Tornadoes

January-June

JUNE | USA

Final Count Preliminary



1991-2020 Average: 818.9 Tornadoes

Source: Storm Prediction Center (SPC)

<https://www.carriermanagement.com/news/2024/07/18/264456.htm>



JULY | Kerala, India



https://indianexpress.com/article/india/wayanad-meppadi-chooralimala-landslide-live-updates-9483772/?ref=breaking_hp



AUGUST | Vietnam/China

<https://globalnation.inquirer.net/248422/typhoon-yagi-weakens-after-leaving-dozens-dead-in-vietnam-china-ph>



<https://abcnews.go.com/US/live-updates/hurricane-helene/>



<https://www.nytimes.com/2023/12/27/world/middleeast/israel-gaza-hamas-hezbollah.html>

NOVEMBER | Bolivia



<https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/world/heavy-rains-in-bolivia-send-mud-crashing-into-the-capital-leaving-1-missing-and-destroying-homes/ar-AA1uFSeQ>

DECEMBER | Cyclone Chido | Mayonette Island



[Hundreds feared dead as Cyclone Chido devastates France's Mayotte island | World News - The Indian Express](#)

Additional Disaster Resources

Podcasts



The Disaster Project
([listen here](#))



WADDEM Pre-Hospital and Disaster
([listen here](#))



Disaster Podcast
([listen here](#))



Red-Med
([listen here](#))

What to Read

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How to Support California Wild Fire Victims

Los Angeles Regional Food Bank ([details](#))

Wildfire Recovery Fund ([details](#))

California Fire Foundation Wildfire and
Disaster Relief Fund ([details](#))

Los Angeles Fire Department Foundation
([details](#))

Mercy Chefs ([details](#))

Salvation Army ([details](#))

World Central Kitchen ([details](#))

Airbnb ([details](#))

CAL FIRE Benevolent Foundation ([details](#))

Empowerment Mission ([details](#))

American Red Cross ([details](#))

Baby2Baby ([details](#))

