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***The 2014 Connecticut Emergency Management Symposium:  
is set for Tuesday, May 6 in Cromwell.  
Over 400 local & state leaders are expected.  
Keynote: Incident Commander for Boston Marathon bombings***

Over 400 municipal and state leaders will converge in Cromwell on Tuesday, May 6 for the 2014 Connecticut Emergency Management Symposium. The event will take place at the Crown Plaza Hotel and Conference Center in Cromwell from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Connecticut Emergency Management Symposium is co-sponsored by the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM), the CT Div. of Emergency Management & Homeland Security (DEMHSO), and the CT Dept. of Public Health (DPH).

The 2014 keynote speaker is Kurt N. Schwartz, Undersecretary for Homeland Security and Emergency Management in the Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (EOPSS).

Under Secretary Kurt Schwartz served as the Incident Commander in the Multi-Agency Coordination Center on the day of the 2013 Boston Marathon. He arrived at the scene of the bombings within 4 minutes and then served as a member of the Unified Command Group for the next 5 days. Mr. Schwartz will discuss planning and preparedness efforts for the 2013 Boston Marathon, the response to the bombings, the manhunt four days later that resulted in a shelter in place request for more than one million people, recovery efforts, best practices and lessons learned.

EMS 2014 is the premiere program in Connecticut that will bring together a cross-section of federal, state and local government officials, public health providers, and municipal decision-makers who oversee or are directly responsible for disaster-response and emergency management issues.

Nearly 50 companies who are providers of products and services needed by emergency responders will exhibit throughout the day at the symposium's Emergency Management Tradeshow, including providers of emergency generators, environmental and utility contractors, restoration firms, software vendors, providers of mobile computer and video systems and much, much more.

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**Here is the day-long schedule of sessions:**

**8:20 - 9:00 General Session**  
Grand Ballroom **Welcome and Introductions**

**9:00 - 10:00 Keynote**  
**"Response Integration at Boston Marathon Bombing"**  
*Kurt Schwartz*  
*Undersecretary, Homeland Security & Emergency Management*  
*Director, Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency*  
*Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety & Security*

**All Sessions Below in**  
**Grand Ballroom**

**10:00 - 10:30 Department of Public Health - Mass Casualty Planning**

**10:30 - 11:00 Visit Exhibit Hall**

**11:00 - 12:00 2014 Governor's Emergency Planning and Preparedness Initiative (EPPI): Exercise: Functional Needs Presentation, Region 3, ESF 19**

**12:00 - 1:00 Lunch in Exhibit Hall**

**1:00 - 1:20 State Emergency Response Commission / Local Emergency Response Commissions ESF 10 - Hazardous Materials/DEMHS Advisory Council**

**1:20 - 2:00 DEMHS Updates**  
CEO/EMD Handbook  
Web EOC (live demonstration)  
2014 Hurricane Forecast

**2:00 - 2:20 Region 4 Multi Jurisdictional Shelter Agreement Best Practice**

**2:20 - 2:30 American Red Cross - Family Reunification, Family Assistance Centers, and Safe & Well**

**2:30 - 3:30 Regional Briefing on Training and Exercise Program**

**3:30 - 4:00 EMPG Process Update and Workshop**

**4:00 Adjourn**