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Flags around the nation flew at half-staff on Sept. 11, 2009, marking the eighth anniversary of the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center in New York and the Pentagon in Washington. It was the first time that Sept. 11 was designated an official day of remembrance.

**STATE TO RECEIVE H1N1 FLU VACCINE** – New Hampshire will receive nearly 190,000 doses of vaccine against the H1N1 flu in early October, which will be distributed to the three highest risk groups through normal vaccination channels. Gov. John H. Lynch and Dr. Jose Montero made that announcement at a State House news conference on Sept. 10. Dr. Montero identified the high risk groups as young people 24-years of age and under who have other health problems, pregnant women and health care workers who have direct contact with patients. Gov. Lynch said the vaccine will be given free of charge. Another 80,000 doses of the vaccine will be delivered to the state several weeks later. Dr. Montero said adults will need one dose of the H1N1 vaccine. Initially it was believed that two doses would be needed.

Dr. Montero said the H1N1 flu has been in New Hampshire since last April and has not gone away. He said vaccine for seasonal flu is already available in the state and people should get that flu shot as soon as possible.

**LEGISLATIVE LEADERSHIP BRIEFED ON H1N1** – Dr. Jose Montero, Director of Public Health, and Chris Pope, Director of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, briefed legislative leaders on Sept. 17 on the state’s preparedness for H1N1 flu. Dr. Montero told the legislative leaders that there are many unanswered questions about the new strain of flu. How severe or widespread H1N1 will be are still unknown, he said, although it appears that it is a relatively mild form of the disease. He said the treatment for H1N1 is the same as for seasonal flu and reminded the legislative leaders that everyone still needs a regular flu shot.

The state has also held conference calls or meetings for public and private school officials, colleges, universities and state department heads to provide them with status reports and information they need to limit the spread of the disease among students and staff.

**NEW INVESTIGATOR JOINS STATE FIRE MARSHAL’S OFFICE** – The newest fire investigator at the State Fire Marshal’s office is a Black Labrador Retriever named Andre. He received his training in detecting ignitable liquids at the Maine State Criminal Justice Academy and is partnered with District Chief John Southwell. Andre’s training was made possible by a grant from State Farm Insurance. Southwell and Andre received their certification as a team on Sept. 11, 2009. They are available to assist any New Hampshire police or fire department by calling 223-4289 during business hours or State Police Dispatch, at 271-3636, at other times.

**TWO DHS STAFF DETAILED TO SUPPORT N.H.** – Two staff members of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security are working in New Hampshire to assist HSEM with Homeland Security issues here. Tim Bailey serves as the Senior Intelligence Officer, U.S. DHS Office of Intelligence and Analysis. He is responsible for ensuring that relevant homeland security intelligence information is shared between the National Intelligence Community, DHS and the state of New Hampshire. Bailey’s background includes service with the U.S. Marine Corps, as assistant county attorney in Rockingham County, and, most recently, as the attorney advisor with the Office of General Counsel (OGC) advising on intelligence matters until his transfer to the Office of Intelligence and Analysis (I&A) in July 2009. Tim is located at HSEM.

Ronald Peimer serves as the Protective Security Advisor for the state and supports homeland security efforts, serving as an advisor and adding reach-back capacity for the State Homeland Security Advisor. He contributes to the development of the national risk picture by assisting with the identification, assessment, monitoring and minimizing of risks to critical assets at the local level. His background includes a career with the federal government in ATF and Secret Service, and most recently at the National Infrastructure Institute in Portsmouth. Ron is located in Manchester.

**DIRECTOR POPE TAKES PART IN WORKSHOP ON MUSLIM COMMUNITIES**

– HSEM Director Chris Pope participated in a three-day workshop in California in early August on the workings of Muslim communities. Experts from around that world joined the tabletop exercise at the Naval Post Graduate School in Monterey, Calif. The program was aimed at helping officials, mostly Westerners, understand the dynamics and workings of Islamic communities located in different parts of the Western world. Authorities need this understanding so that they can detect and head off future terrorist attacks, while protecting the liberties of innocent members of those communities. Since Islamic communities in Europe and North America tend to assimilate very slowly and remain with their ethnic relatives, Western authorities need to take special care in dealing with them.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS TO AIR ON RADIO**

– Six new 60-second radio spots have begun running on New Hampshire radio stations this fall. The spots are produced by HSEM in partnership with the N.H. Association of Broadcasters. The spots this season are on school safety, emergency planning for business, floods, hurricanes, the importance of battery-powered radios and H1N1 flu. The spots will continue to run during morning drive time and other peak listening hours of the day through the end of March.

**VERMONT EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE SET**

– Vermont is holding its second annual Emergency Preparedness Conference on Nov. 3 at the Killington Grand Resort Hotel. Programs will be offered on Pandemic Flu, recent severe weather events in Vermont, emergency preparedness for the private sector and many other topics. The conference is aimed at emergency managers and first responders from Vermont and other states in the region. For further information, click on this link to a conference brochure: <http://www.dps.state.vt.us/vem/conference2009/ConferenceBrochure.pdf>.

