

# RC/PIO News & Notes 4-14-2023



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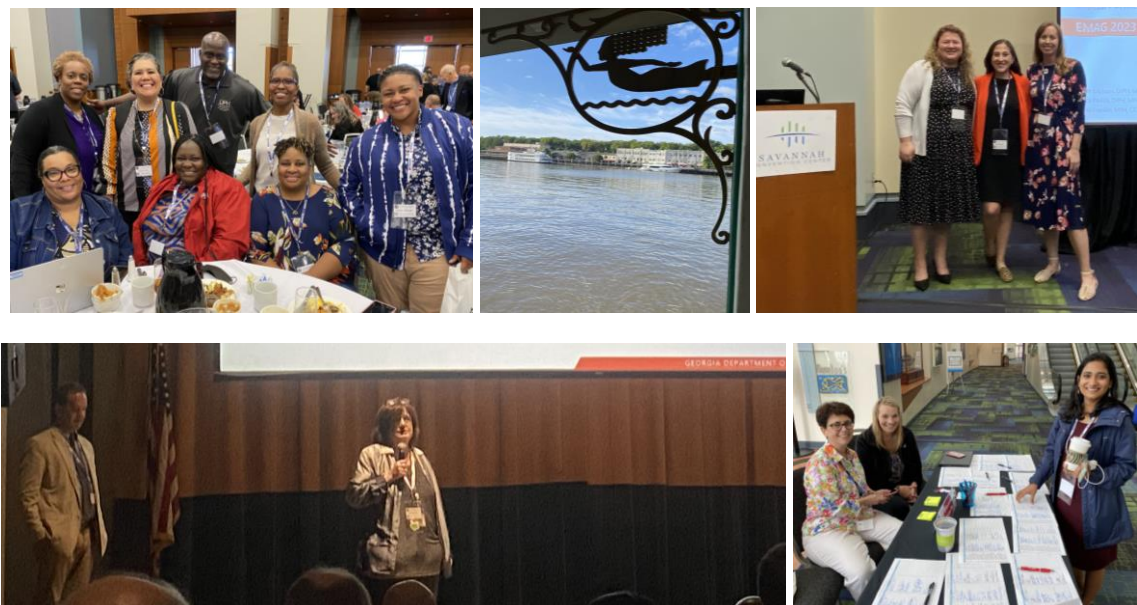
## News and Notes

This week we'll highlight some of the many great moments at the Emergency Management Association of Georgia Summit. We'll also preview several more up-coming events and more.

## EMAG



The 2023 Emergency Management Association of Georgia Conference in Savannah this week included some of the best sessions ever. Many of us were only disappointed when two or three sessions we wanted to attend were scheduled at the same time slot. We learned about enhancing plans for radiological incidents, the latest epidemiological efforts, severe weather warning updates and much more. It was especially good to see so many familiar faces and engage with colleagues including some who were attending their first EMAG Summit.





## April is Emergency Communications Month

Last week's Emergency Management and Response – Information Sharing and Analysis Center InfoGram highlighted the value and recognition of emergency communications:

April is dedicated to all things related to emergency communications. In 2022, the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) began observing [Emergency Communications Month](#) in April to recognize the role of emergency communications as a vital function.

Since 1994, [National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week](#) (NPSTW) has been observed during the second week of April. This year's NPSTW will be observed from **April 9-15**. In collaboration with stakeholders and national associations, the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration's (NHTSA's) National 911 Program has compiled resources you can use to celebrate public safety telecommunicators for the commitment, dedication and critical life-saving services they provide every day:

- [“Thank you” Letter from NHTSA's National 911 Program](#). This personal letter from the National 911 Program acknowledges Telecommunicators Week, thanks all telecommunicators for their commitment to helping people in times of need and honors the work they do to keep our communities safe. The letter may be replicated and posted in your center to thank telecommunicators for the difference they make.
- [Customizable Certificate](#). This certificate can be personalized with the name and location of the Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) to recognize the skill, dedication and service of its telecommunicators on behalf of the National 911 Program.

(Sources: [CISA](#), [NASNA](#), [NENA](#), [NHTSA](#))



## Rx and Illicit Drug 2023 Summit

Thanks to Kimberly Wilson for sending us the picture and update from this year's Rx and Illicit Drug Summit held this week. National leaders shared some of the latest strategies in the effort to curtail the recent rise in drug overdoses.



## Next Week Preview

There will be a plethora of topics to spotlight next week. This includes the annual Rapid Response Team statewide meeting, the State Environmental Health Directors meeting, the statewide DPH Risk Communicators meeting, plus multiple events highlighting topics including BioWatch, Full Scale Exercise planning, COVID-19, Opioid Overdose prevention and much more.

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