

Hurricane response ongoing in Puerto Rico, Caribbean

The U.S. response to Hurricanes Irma and Maria in Puerto Rico and the Caribbean continues after the storms devastated the area last month. As of Oct. 30, more than 15,000 federal civilian and military personnel are on location in Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands, and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has awarded hundreds of millions of dollars for survivor assistance, emergency work, and debris removal.

Department of Defense (DoD) personnel continue to support FEMA and U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) efforts to clear roads, deliver generator fuel to hospitals, and distribute food, water, and supplies. DoD personnel are also helping to reestablish essential services, with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers working with the Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority and representatives from U.S. Department of Energy to restore power.

The U.S. Agency for International Development is also involved in providing humanitarian relief to those affected, and U.S. Customs and Border Patrol has been making targeted flights to assess the well-being of survivors.

- Departments of Defense and Homeland Security

Rogers speaks on evolution of cyber

Navy Admiral Michael S. Rogers, U.S. Cyber Command commander and director of the National Security Agency, spoke at the Air Force Association's Air, Space and Cyber Conference on September 19. The conference took place in National Harbor, Maryland.

Rogers spoke about the ever-evolving cyber mission, saying that the Department of Defense needs to accept that change will be a constant as the department addresses cyber threats to networks, platforms, weapons systems, and data. Rogers also talked about interagency cooperation in cybersecurity, stating "The idea that the DoD all by itself is just going to defend its networks [is not] going to get us where we need to go."

- Department of Defense

ICE, law enforcement address intellectual property crime

Officials from the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) recently joined law enforcement and security professionals at the 11th annual International Law Enforcement Intellectual Property Crime Conference. The two-day conference took place at the end of August.

The conference aims to combat transnational organized intellectual property crime and develop joint initiatives with an emphasis on enforcement. This year's conference focused on illicit trafficking on the internet and protecting the public from potentially harmful counterfeit products, such as pharmaceuticals.

The event was co-hosted by INTERPOL, ICE's Homeland Security Investigations-led National Intellectual Property Rights Coordination Center, in partnership with Underwriters Laboratories and the International Anti-Counterfeiting Coalition.

- U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement