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## OPPORTUNITIES

Events current at time of publication. Have a virtual resource or event to share? Email us!

- May 4-5 – [Energy Storage Systems Safety & Reliability Forum](#)
- May 12 – [2022 GeekWire Awards](#) (Vote today for [PNNL's Acoustic Gunshot Detector!](#))
- June 9-12 – [International Hazardous Materials Response Teams Conference](#)
- July 11-14 – [National Homeland Security Conference](#)
- July 24-28 – [Pacific NorthWest Economic Region 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Summit](#)

## CONTACT

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# AROUND THE REGION IN HOMELAND SECURITY

## NOTES FROM THE FIELD

The Northwest Regional Technology Center (NWRTC) is a virtual resource center, operated by Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL), to support regional preparedness, resilience, response, and recovery. The center enables homeland security solutions for emergency responder communities and federal, state, and local stakeholders in the Northwest.

## DELIVERING NEWS TO PREPAREDNESS, RESPONSE, AND RESILIENCE PRACTITIONERS

For [Domestic Preparedness Journal](#) Editor Catherine Feinman, her role in emergency management and preparedness is about more than publishing—it is a passion.



Catherine Feinman  
Editor  
Domestic Preparedness

“Once I started in this field, I was hooked. Meeting people doing this work was inspiring,” Feinman said. “The more I learned, the more I wanted to learn and the more I wanted to do to serve my community.”

Feinman joined *Domestic Preparedness* in 2010 and soon found herself seeking out opportunities to build her own expertise and grow as an emergency practitioner. She joined [Citizen Corps](#) and completed [Community Emergency Response Team](#) training, which trains volunteers about disaster preparedness for different hazards in their area and in basic response skills. She trained to become an emergency medical technician and firefighter and became the risk and safety coordinator and emergency medical technician for Hart to Heart Transportation. Her work culminated in a master’s degree in emergency and disaster management.

Today, Feinman serves as editor of the *Domestic Preparedness Journal*, [www.DomesticPreparedness.com](http://www.DomesticPreparedness.com), and the DPJ Weekly Brief, and works with writers and other contributors to build and create new content that is relevant to the emergency preparedness, response, and resilience communities.



“As an editor, I have the chance to glimpse across emergency management, law enforcement, fire, public health, private sector, nonprofits, and so many other groups and see what they are doing to prepare for

emergencies. It is the best job in the world to be able to help provide them with information and resources to become more impactful in the ways they protect our communities,” Feinman said.

Feinman emphasized a key goal for the publication is just that: to provide reliable and unbiased information for anyone tasked with preparing for, responding to, or recovering from an emergency or disaster.

“Whatever a reader’s role is, we want to provide a publication that practitioners across jurisdictions can rely on, with peer-to-peer content provided by practitioners and professionals with extensive experience in their fields,” Feinman said. “There is a lot of information out there, and people have trouble finding what they can count on. We want this journal to be that resource.”

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The Texas A&M University System and the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) became the host of *Domestic Preparedness* in 2021. Tapping into this new community of researchers and first responders enables the journal to maintain its prominence with emergency preparedness professionals and first responders nationwide while also engaging with academia.

To enhance its effectiveness, the journal launched an editorial advisory committee in 2022, featuring [21 subject matter experts](#) from diverse disciplines and jurisdictions to provide content, feedback, and

suggestions to maintain a robust editorial plan for the publication.

“The committee’s role is critical in making sure our content stays trustworthy and factual. People on the committee help vet the material. Getting fantastic feedback from them on our articles helps make the content that much better,” Feinman said.

The committee features NWRTC Director Ann Lesperance. PNNL is a long-time contributor to the journal, with recent pieces on [fentanyl detection](#) and [pandemic response and recovery](#). You can read more about the committee and PNNL’s engagement in this [staff accomplishment](#).

“National laboratories are coming out with research that preparedness and response professionals should know about. Our publication is one channel to help share that research with the people who may someday benefit from it and use it in their daily lives,” Feinman said.

To join Domestic Preparedness, readers can [subscribe via the website](#), which features original content, Articles Out Loud, podcasts, reports, upcoming events, and much more. Readers are invited to participate in an annual survey that drives the journal’s content and priorities. Additionally, readers can reach out via social media (@DomPrep) or contact [Catherine](#) directly to share potential story ideas.

## ABOUT THE JOURNAL

Established in 1998, [Domestic Preparedness](#) was created to provide developments in emergency preparedness, disaster response, and resiliency to first responders, health professionals, emergency managers, government officials, nongovernmental organizations, and the private sector in a succinct and easy-to-access format.

With TDEM as the new home for the journal and its associated publication since October 2021, it has been actively expanding the opportunities to collaborate with researchers across the Texas A&M University System and emergency preparedness professionals across the country.