



**CONSORTIUM FOR CITIZENS
WITH DISABILITIES**

Emergency Management Task force Report 2009

CO-Chair - Curt Decker

The Task Force met regularly during the year. We experienced a loss of co-chairs due to job transition but one serendipitous transition occurred when former co-chair, Marcie Roth, joined the Obama Administration as special assistant to the Administrator of FEMA. In her new position, she was able to bring attention to many of the issues the Task Force has been working on.

The Task force met with officials of FEMA and DHS. We continued to participate in the partnership meetings conducted by DHS/Office of Civil Rights/ Civil Liberties. TF members continued to meet with the American Red Cross.

MOUs were signed with NDRN and the ARC. MOU's with FEMA are also being developed with TF members - NDRN and NCIL.

Contact was maintained with NCD which was designated by Congress to be the disability lead on Emergency Preparedness with DHS.

Congress is reviewing the Stafford Act to improve the emergency response capabilities of the federal government. FEMA is basically rewriting the National Recovery Plan and needs disability input. There will be ongoing meetings with FEMA on this issue.

The Task Force wishes to continue in 2010 and is looking for new co-chairs.