



## Coffee Break Training - Info Search and Web 2.0

### Exploring Invisible Web Resources: Part III – Learn about the Homeland Security Digital Library (HSDL)

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**Learning Objective:** The student shall be able to identify the types of content available on the HSDL and how to find fire service-related materials.

The HSDL offers a wide variety of materials cutting across all disciplines within Homeland Security and first responder communities including the fire service. Its collections are divided into a broad general collection searchable by the general public and a restricted repository.



The general collection consists of over 65,000 fully downloadable documents of all kinds. Typing in the word “fire,” for example, in the title keyword box retrieves over 500 full text titles ranging from after-action reports to fire prevention tips and factsheets.

You can also browse HSDL featured documents by topical area such as Interoperability, Fusion Centers, Pandemics, or Wildfires. <https://www.hSDL.org/?collection/cluster>

Archived topic areas include Mass Evacuation, Hurricane Katrina, and 9/11. <https://www.hSDL.org/?collection/cluster&archive>

The value of searching the HSDL Web site for material as opposed to the general Web is that you can be confident that the resources here have been carefully selected and evaluated by subject-matter specialists.

The HSDL Restricted Collection is a repository for materials from various national, State, and local agencies, fusion centers, threat analysis centers, and law enforcement organizations. Topics in this collection include Homeland Security intelligence, threat assessments, terrorism, gangs, law enforcement, and more.

Materials in the restricted collection are not classified and do not require a clearance; however, the documents here are considered “Controlled Unclassified Information” (CUI), “sensitive” or “UNCLASSIFIED/FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY” (FOUO) and are not available on the open Web. Access to this section is limited to approval by the HSDL and is generally limited to individuals belonging to Federal, State, tribal, and local U.S. Government officials. You may apply for an account by visiting the HSDL Web site at <https://www.hSDL.org/?help/access>

With an individual account, you also be able to take advantage of special and personalized features such as email alerts and “My Lists.”