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**DisasterLAN Excels at Regional Logistics Program
Interoperability Demo**

Buffalo, NY – April, 10th, 2014 – DLAN successfully demonstrated its ability to communicate with other emergency management systems using the highest interoperability standards at the NY-NJ-CT-PA Regional Logistics Program's Emergency Data Exchange Language (EDXL) Data Interoperability Demonstration held on March 20th in New York City.

Four different incident management systems are employed in the NY-NJ-CT-PA Region. A problem cited during major cross-jurisdictional disasters is the inability of all four systems to talk to one another. One of the goals of the Regional Logistics Program (RLP) is to "Define a path forward to seamlessly connect local, state, and federal technology systems and automate how information is received, shared, and tracked as resources are requested and deployed during disaster." (www.emergencylogistics.org)

As part of its overall review of regional resource management, the Regional Logistics Program committee recommended that all four systems adopt the messaging standard known as Emergency Data Exchange Language Resource Messaging (EDXL-RM). Another recommendation of the group was for the systems to establish operational connections to either IPAWS-OPEN or UICDS. As an early adopter of EDXL-RM and IPAWS standards, DLAN is already in 100% compliance with EDXL-RM and IPAWS standards and has the ability to communicate interoperably out-of-the-box, with no extra equipment, customization, or integration charges required.

DLAN utilized its native integrated EDXL-RM and IPAWS capabilities to communicate effectively in the demonstration. The RLP's effort to coordinate this interoperable communications demonstration shows that data exchange between the different incident management systems in the NY-NJ-CT-PA Region is possible during a disaster.

DisasterLAN is a web-based incident management system designed for use in emergency operations centers to manage both planned events and disasters using IPAWS, ICS, and NIMS standards.

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