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One Plan, Multiple Uses Deemed the Best Strategy for Emergency Managers

Lanham, MD, January 24, 2008—Preparing a basic emergency response plan, or “all hazards” plan, for a city, town, or state improves a community’s ability to respond more quickly and effectively in an emergency situation than any attempt to prepare dozens of hazard-specific plans, according to *Essentials in Emergency Management: Including the All-Hazards Approach*, a new book from compliance and management publisher Government Institutes.

Whether paid or volunteer, emergency managers are expected to be experts in a variety of subject areas, especially during the disaster phase of their jobs. *Essentials in Emergency Management* outlines the various roles and responsibilities that emergency managers have in today's world and covers many of the major issues that emergency managers encounter. From such natural hazards as floods, wildfires, and weather disasters to such technological hazards as structural fires, hazardous materials releases, and water supply contamination and acts of terrorism, author Brian Gallant provides recommendations and general guidance that emergency managers anywhere can incorporate into their emergency response plans.

Essentials in Emergency Management discusses the Incident Command System (ICS), the new presidential directive dealing with the National Incident Management Systems (NIMS), and the new emergency management concept called the all-hazards approach—the idea that a community’s emergency plan follows the same philosophies and actions no matter what the emergency situation—used by most communities, the states, and the federal government. This new handbook also examines managing volunteers, covers dealing with pets in disaster situations, and looks at what the rest of the world is doing with respect to emergency management. The appendices include helpful reference materials, checklists, and forms.

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“Today, emergency managers are forced to focus on such things as domestic preparedness/counter-terrorism, critical infrastructure protection, and a wide array of other threats that just ten years ago weren't even on the radar,” notes author Brian Gallant. “While they can't foretell what emergency situations actually will occur, they can certainly prepare for them.”

Essentials in Emergency Management: Including the All-Hazards Approach can be ordered by calling 800-462-6420 or visiting www.govinstpress.com and typing “Essentials” in the book search box. *Softcover, 140 pages, May 2008, \$59, ISBN: 0-86587-632-0 (978-0-86587-632-3).*

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