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Learn about the discipline of emergency management as it has developed over the past 6 decades, including the rapid evolution of the field since the turn of the century. The 5e of "Introduction to Emergency Management" combines practical and academic presentations of disaster preparedness, mitigation, response, recovery and communications. Extensive case studies cover recent disasters, offering ample opportunity for current students and practitioners to build their critical thinking skills and grow into the next generation of leaders in this increasingly important profession.

Gives extensive support to instructors, including platform-neutral modules designed for Blackboard and other systems, to support a range of approaches to teaching the materialIntroduces the latest methods for empowering disaster survivors, including the use of social networking technologies and community-based initiativesAdds material on risk management, mitigation, myths that affect behavior during crises, and post-disaster evaluation of the response

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Julie says

While easy to read, I rarely cracked the spine of this book for my Master's level class. It was a little too simplified for use as anything other than an introduction to terms. Perhaps it is better used as a Bachelor's level intro book.

Christina says

still reading

Hans says

Textbooks are generally good for what they are designed for and not much more. They help give some structure to a subject that otherwise would remain a chaotic mix of ideas.

Haileyjett says

For a textbook, this is actually a great read. Anyone looking into homeland security and emergency management and needing an introduction to it - this is by far one of the best reads my professors have picked!

John Purdy says

Informative.

Robert says

Read everything except appendix. Wish I hadn't. The entire book can be summed up in one word: Bureaucracy. That is all. Read for DSEM class. The parts about terrorism were interesting.

Steven Peterson says

This is a decent introduction to the field of emergency management as of about 2005. This volume is pitched at a level for newcomers to the subject. One problem: Its positive evaluation of the current American system looks silly when one adds Hurricane Katrina (the book was published before the hurricane struck). Obviously, the system was not in the state described in this volume.

Nonetheless, this is a nice work. It begins with a general introduction, including a history of emergency management in the US. The second chapter makes a critical point--the importance of an all hazards approach. Emergency management is not just about responding to terrorists--it is also about response to national disasters. The chapter does a fine job at emphasizing this.

Then, subsequent chapters consider the key issues of mitigation, response, recovery, and preparedness. We can try to reduce the odds of disasters and their consequences--but we must also plan on how to respond if such events actually occur. There follow chapters on communication, international disaster management, responding to the new terrorist threat, and the future of emergency management.

This book is quite useful for those who want an introductory analysis to the subject. As such, it performs pretty well, despite its overly optimistic view of the state of the system, at the time the book was published (recall the miserable performance of FEMA with Hurricane Katrina).
