

Mass Fatalities: Managing the Community Response

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A mass fatalities response goes far beyond returning the remains of a loved one to surviving family members. Those charged with this grim but critical responsibility will find themselves immersed in multiple tasks involving diverse individuals, organizations, and priorities. *Mass Fatalities: Managing the Community Response* examines multiple complex issues while providing practical guidance to communities and responders as they plan for, respond to, and recover from a mass fatalities incident. This book explores the immense array of tasks such as: Managing resources and personnel Protecting a potential crime scene Conducting a comprehensive search and recovery of the remains Identifying and returning the remains and personal effects Ensuring family members of the deceased are treated with compassion, dignity, and respect Making sure responders have the proper tools to complete their responsibilities Providing family members, responders, and the impacted community the necessary support to cope with the physical, spiritual, and emotional stressors of a mass fatalities incident The book explains in detail the functions performed at the mass fatalities operational sites, including the Disaster Site, Victim Identification Center, Family Assistance Center, and Staff Processing Center. It provides organizational charts with job descriptions detailing the roles and responsibilities for an effective leadership team and describes the management of the disaster site, presenting step-by-step procedures for search and recovery. The book also discusses the registration, initial interview, and Notification of Death for family members at the Family Assistance Center and covers best practices for the Victim Identification Center operations. Throughout, chapters emphasize the need for mental health servicesexploring the essential elements of providing effective and compassionate support to surviving family members (including children), to responders and their families, and to the community. An increase in catastrophic disasters in recent years has highlighted the need for sound guidance outlining the protocol for handling these events. *Mass Fatalities: Managing the Community Response* is an indispensable resource for this formidable task. Peter Teahen discusses the book in a video on the CRC Press YouTube channel.

I really like the Reflection Questions at the end of each chapter - nice touch! I haven't seen this in other disaster books. ... Excellent job! Diane Myers, RN, MSN ... has good applicability for people to use in community planning for mass fatalities incidents. Karyn Yaussy, Catawba County Emergency Management The content flow is understandable, there is continuity of thought, and the presented information is factually correct. Garold D. Huey, BS, FDIEMB About the Author Peter R. Teahen is a Funeral Director and founder of the International Mass Fatalities Center and AmericaReady. He has responded to disasters since 1989 and has written and lectured extensively on managing mass fatalities incidents. He has served as a national media spokesperson and a Government Liaison Officer for the American Red Cross and has been interviewed on such programs as Larry King Live, Good Morning America, Oprah, Weather Channel, Fox News, the British Broadcasting Company and Aljazeera. Mr. Teahen has been involved in leadership roles in more than forty-five major disasters throughout the U.S. and globally including the 9/11 attack on the World Trade Center, the Alaska Air Flt 261 and Egypt Air Flt 990 aviation disasters, Hurricane Katrina 2005, the Indonesian Tsunami 2004, and the Haiti earthquake of 2010. He is recognized for his work on aviation disasters and is internationally known for his work and lectures in critical incident stress management and the psychological and social impact of disasters. He is the recipient of numerous national awards including the National Public Spirit Award. Previous recipients include Ronald Reagan, Hillary Rodham Clinton, Ann Landers, and Dr. Robert Schuller.