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ARE YOU READY?

What Lawyers Need to Know About
Emergency Preparedness and
Disaster Recovery

*A program to help local communities and
the lawyers who advise them prevent,
prepare for, respond to, and recover from
catastrophic events.*

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Competent legal advice is critical to any government or public authority's efforts to prevent, prepare for, respond to, and recover from catastrophic events. Yet most attorneys are not familiar with the special legal and practical issues arising from natural catastrophes and terrorist events.

This documentary-style video brings together lawyers and other experts from around the nation with experience in responding to catastrophic events. They describe in simple but powerful ways how lawyers can help prepare their communities and the nation for the effects of natural disasters, such as hurricanes, fires, floods, earthquakes, or tornados, and man-made disasters, such as terrorist attacks or biological warfare. Whether discussing the response to an urban forest fire in Albuquerque, the challenge of continuing operations after a disaster on the scale of the World Trade Center collapse, or the destruction caused by a hurricane in Florida, their advice has a practical edge. The Section hopes to stimulate audience members to enhance their community's preparedness and to increase awareness of the legal resources that are available when planning for and coping with disaster.

Topics addressed in this 70-minute program include:

- **The role of the lawyer**
 - Drafting multi-jurisdictional agreements
 - Limiting liability exposure while enabling response
- **Prevention and mitigation**
 - Enforcing building and flood plain management codes
- **Preparedness and response**
 - Continuity of operations
 - Tips on keeping your office operating
- **Organizing resources for response**
 - Mutual aid agreements
 - National Incident Management System
- **Recovery**
 - Procedures to assure FEMA reimbursement
 - Land use issues raised by disaster housing programs

By making these resources and expertise more widely accessible, local communities and the lawyers who advise them will be better able to plan for, manage, respond to, and recover from potential disasters.

The program is available on DVD or videotape and is accompanied by a 100-plus page softbound course book.

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