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VIEWING MODES

Facilitated Group Course Viewing

Each segment features a short introduction, followed by scenarios with related questions and activities to assist in facilitating a group discussion. The facilitator has the option to show subject matter expert comments after the discussion. A "Facilitator's Guide" document (pdf) is included for this viewing mode.

Informational / Individual Viewing

This viewing mode allows an individual to view the training video without classroom facilitation by an instructor (but features all of the same segments as the "Facilitated Group Course" track). Individual viewers view sample peer group discussions, followed by comments from subject matter experts that reinforce the teaching points. A "Participant's Guide" document (pdf) is included for this viewing mode.

ABOUT THIS VIDEO

This training program is designed to enhance California law enforcement personnel's natural disaster preparedness and on-scene actions with specific focus on the initial stages of an incident before standardized emergency management systems are fully operational.

Segments include common measures officers and their families can make ahead of an incident, actions taken by officers during disasters, a review of personal well-being and how critical incidents often affect those involved, and considerations in decision-making to provide for better and safer outcomes for first responders and the communities they serve.

The program progresses through pre-planning, awareness, initial response, evacuations, communications, security, and repopulation and self-care sections. The training includes expert commentary highlighting the experiences of those who found themselves in the middle of emerging disasters, including a special case-study that provides first-hand experiences of a deputy directly involved with recent disasters.

VIDEO CONTENTS

Overview

Scenario 1 – Pre-Incident Planning and Awareness

As this start-of-shift scenario shows, common everyday experiences that officers encounter provide opportunities to be better prepared for significant events through advance preparations for themselves, as well as with peers, other disciplines, and family.

Scenario 2 – Initial Response

An officer is first on the scene at an emerging wildland fire and provides examples of the information and knowledge needed from those initially directing ever-evolving and potentially large-scale incidents, as well as the need for personal preparation and self-control.

Scenario 3 – Evacuations

Officers are sent to evacuate residents living in the path of a growing fire. The officers' actions will aid in documenting their efforts while also revealing common prioritizations often needed to gain the greatest benefit for the greatest number of people.

Scenario 4 – Communications and Security

As an officer transitions responsibilities to his supervisor, communication-related concerns are identified. Nearby, two officers managing a roadblock reveal common challenges involved with evacuation security and understanding the public's needs.

Scenario 5 – Repopulation and Self-Care

At the end of a lengthy shift, officers reveal some of the more personal after-event challenges they face when dealing with a disaster, methods used to mitigate the event's stressors, and recent cultural shifts in law enforcement allowing for better communication and healthier officers.

Special Segment – Case Study: The Thomas Fire and Mudslides

Provides first-hand experiences of a Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department Senior Deputy who was directly involved with the Thomas Fire and subsequent devastating mudslides.

Final Thoughts