

NAVIGATING TOMORROW'S CHALLENGES TODAY: A VISION FOR THE FUTURE OF

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

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Introduction: Personal Journey and Experience

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Insights and Perspectives



348 Presidentially Declared Disasters

- All hazard events (hurricanes, floods, earthquakes, fires)
- Working with communities across the country



Leadership in Crisis

- Lessons about resilience and leadership
- Evolution of the emergency management profession over the years
 - Reflecting on the past to understand how it shapes the future





Dynamic Shifts Shaping the Future



Mitigation



- The significance of mitigation. (how it started)
- Real-world examples of successful mitigation strategies
- Anticipatory planning and resilient infrastructure



Role of Mitigation in Addressing Contemporary Challenges







- Changing landscape of threats and hazards
- · Impact of climate change on the frequency and intensity of emergencies
- Urbanization and geopolitical shifts in shaping challenges









Community Based Disaster Management: What we learned from Project Impact



Benefits of connecting local efforts with broader initiatives



Community involvement in national emergency management strategy



As we explore future-ready strategies, it's essential to equip ourselves with a forward-looking perspective.



The challenges we face are complex, but by embracing innovation, technology, and collaboration, we can build a more resilient society.



Strategies to Prepare for the Future



Comprehensive planning for the future.



Integrating innovation, technology, and collaboration.

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The need for a forward-looking perspective.



Leveraging the experiences of industry professionals and collaborating effectively.





QUESTIONS



