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Emergency Preparedness Handbook for Tribal Governments



PREPARE

DURING A DISASTER, IT IS TOO LATE TO PLAN

the **ISSUE**

Responding to an emergency and protecting the public and property require considerable advanced planning. Like other governments, tribes may need assistance in planning for future disasters and responding to an existing disaster.

the **RESEARCH**

Using the federally-recognized rational planning process, the first step was to determine why there is a general lack of emergency preparedness planning by tribes. A survey was used to assess current tribal emergency management plans and programs and to identify the tribal needs or gaps in emergency preparedness planning and programs. The survey was posted online and tribal input was solicited via an email sent to regional Tribal Technical Assistance Program (TTAP) offices for subsequent distribution to all the tribes in each TTAP region. Survey responses indicated that the biggest obstacles to the development of emergency preparedness plans were a lack of related knowledge and a lack of funding. Based on this input and other program goals, a handbook was created to help tribal governments identify sources of related

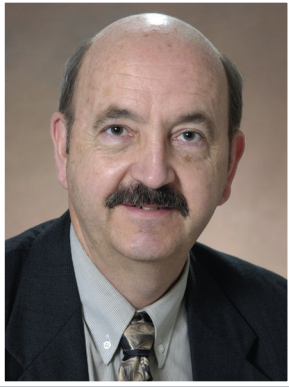


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the **FINDINGS**

The biggest concerns voiced by tribal governments related to a lack of knowledge and funding for emergency preparedness planning and management. Subsequent research identified numerous federal and state agencies and other organizations that may be available to assist tribal governments with emergency management. These entities also help foster collaboration among tribes and between tribes and federal and state agencies.

the **IMPACT**

A handbook was developed to be used as a resource to help tribes develop and implement an emergency preparedness plan for responding to natural and man-made disasters. The handbook will help tribes who are new to emergency management understand what emergency preparedness is and how it fits within emergency management. The resource will also help tribes find more resources (training, funding) for their emergency response/management program.

For more information on this project, download the Handbook at <http://www.ugpti.org/resources/reports/details.php?id=785>

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