

Abstract

Are We Ready Yet? GIS and Regional Emergency Preparedness

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Ensuring the safety of the nation's communities is the highest national priority. Leaders at all levels of government and in all sectors recognize the benefit of new regional "networked" approaches over more traditional "stovepiped" programs. Regional organizations play an increasingly important role in developing and implementing emergency preparedness plans. Regional repositories of shared, integrated geographic information and GIS applications are essential for collaborative decision-making and service delivery. In this panel presentation, leaders with experience in regional emergency preparedness will describe their operations and lessons learned.

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