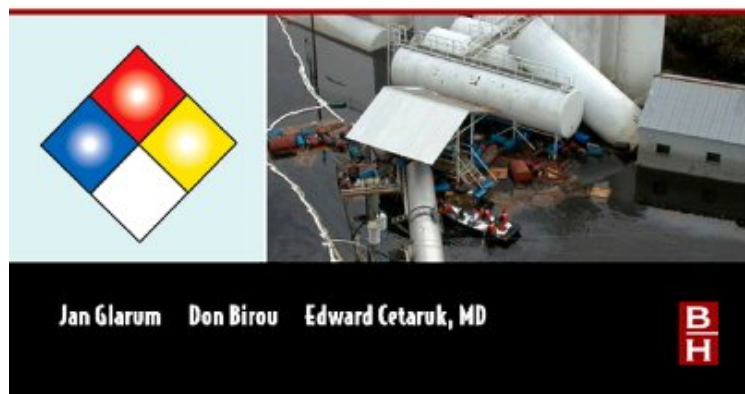


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Excellent resourceBy Michael J CurranVery in depth. This book covers the basics for any hospital response team.2 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Shoulders and clavicles with room to spare, please.By haskptsThe term 'first responder' refers to those individuals who in the early stages of an incident are responsible for the protection and preservation of life, property, evidence, and the environment, including emergency response providers as defined in section 2 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 101), as well as emergency management, public health, clinical care, public works, and other skilled support personnel (such as equipment operators) that provide immediate support services during prevention, response, and recovery operations.Local Hospital Emergency teams take the role of smaller no-federal roles in triage care. Command and control, assessment of likely causalities and all other umbrages which transpire ... can be counted on in this fairly

serious tome "Hospital Emergency Response teams". NOT the most colorful book around .. Would be nice to have some nice pretty color pictures? Only a sparse black and white section are provided. Many "normal" folk can also be involuntarily First Responders. According to the FCC, the only people who will be classified as first responders when it comes to being able to use the 700-MHz public safety broadband network (PSBN) are the approximately 3 million people in the United States who carry guns, wear fire boots, or carry a first-aid kit on the job. A number of organizations are unhappy with the FCC's definition of first responders and want it broadened to include other support groups. Suppose police, fire, and paramedics respond to a car accident. When they get there, they find the car has cut a power pole in half, there are wires lying in the street and on the car, and there are two people trapped inside. Are electric company personnel that have to take care of the live wires before the rescue can take place first responders? In my book, they are. Take this same incident, move it to a major highway, add a fully closed freeway and several other cars in the same accident. Who helps first responders access the scene, divert or manage traffic, and clean up the mess so traffic can flow freely again? Usually, it is the state departments of transportation that arrive on the scene who, by the way, cross train with first responders for all types of emergencies--yet they are not considered by the FCC to be first responders. What about a tow truck that is needed to move a vehicle out of the road for the safety of the other cars and the first responders? The American Association of State Highway Transportation Officials' (AASHTO) board of directors unanimously approved a resolution this past week asking the FCC to reconsider its access plan for the Public Safety Broadband Network. These are the people who work with first responders on our roadways, and many of the tower sites that cover the highway system sit on their right-of-ways. It would be odd, to say the least, if they were not permitted to use this network during times of emergencies. And during evacuations of areas threatened by fires and hurricanes, the DOT's network and personnel play an integral role in managing the flow of residents out of the area and emergency responders into the area. This "Hospital Emergency Response Teams" book can be a good part of any First Responders "gear".

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Intended as a high-level overview for disaster response

By Michael A. Duvernois

There are some good checklists for identifying responsible individuals, but too much of the (short) book is overly general text and worthless photos (for example, a SWAT team member, repeated pictures indicating how to cut off clothing of victims). The probable audience is more of the hospital administrator rather than a critical response EMT or triage nurse. The references are outstanding though, you could gain a much deeper knowledge of crisis/emergency management of specific threats through some reading of the references.

Hospital Emergency Response Teams aims to provide authoritative training for hospital personnel in the emergency department, as well community-level medical service personnel, assisting them in times of disaster and emergency. Comprised of six chapters, the book covers various aspects of emergency response. Some of the aspects are the National Incident Management System (NIMS) implementation activities for hospitals and health care systems and the Hospital Incident Command System (HICS) IV missions. The book also explains the implementation issues, requirements, and timelines in establishing an internal HICS IV program. It presents the assessment of likely mass casualty events and potential hospital impact. The book also features appendices for emergency response team checklists, PPE donning and doffing guide, ambulatory and non-ambulatory decontamination setup, ETA exercises, and ETA drills. The book is intended to provide understanding of emergency response to first emergency medicine professionals, first responders, security staff, community-level disaster planners, and public health and disaster management researchers. Common sense approach shows what really works, not what is theoretically achievable

Forms, checklists, and guidelines can be used to develop concrete response plans, validate existing operations, or simply expand knowledge base

The latest from OSHA, Joint Commission and NIMS (National Incident Management System) Cross-disciplinary author team ensures material is appropriate for all member of this important collaboration

"...an excellent starting point for someone about to embark on the process of building a decontamination program in his or her facility."--Anjanette Hebert, Director of Security and Safety, Lafayette General Medical Center, Lafayette, LA

From the Back Cover

A hospital can continue to function as designed during disasters or unusual events if a Hospital Emergency Response Team (HERT) protects the facility by establishing and staffing an Emergency Treatment Area. For the first time, here is an entire text dedicated to developing a free-standing operational team capable of protecting the facility and staff. The authors address every component required to build this capacity which if properly designed, is mobile enough to be operated at a remote site, offering the service to less prepared facilities, or facilities that find themselves overwhelmed due to their close proximity to the disaster epicenter. Not only will your facility gain operational capacity, but it will go a long way toward meeting Joint Commission requirements. This book covers information that in a crisis situation is crucial to emergency medical service personnel and hospital staff in the emergency department, nursing, clinician, and other technical or support positions. It is also required reading for community public safety personnel or those charged with community-level planning to better understand hospital capabilities and needs in times of disaster.

About the Author

Jan Glarum has over 35 years of experience in the fields of EMS, Fire, Law Enforcement, Hospital, Public Health, and Emergency Management, including response to federally

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