

Terrorism and Disasters: Lessons Learned

Drawing from his experience commanding one of the first federal disaster teams at the World Trade Center on September 11 2001, Dr. Ciottone will discuss the special circumstances involved in responding to a terrorist event. He will compare and contrast natural versus man-made disasters, intentional versus random events. Unique characteristics of terrorist events include pre-planned attacks maximizing casualties and damage, multi-layered attacks, and multi-modality attacks, to name a few. Dr. Ciottone will discuss these and how they affect preparedness and mitigation. Finally Dr. Ciottone will discuss how the world is acting in a unified way, highlighting the Disaster Management for Terrorist Events training manual he recently edited for the United Nations Development Program. This presentation is taken from current news headlines and is sure to spark much discussion and debate.