**Module 1 - Background**

**INTRODUCTION TO EMERGENCY OPERATIONS; TYPES OF EMERGENCIES AND DISASTERS**

**Required Reading**

Eshghi K, and Larson, E. (2008). Disasters: Lessons from the past 105 years, *Disaster Prevention and Management*. 17(1), 62. Available in the Trident Online Library.

[*Puget Sound regional catastrophic disaster coordination plan (2013). Retrieved from*](http://mema.maryland.gov/Documents/SROP_V3_03_MAR-15.pdf)[*https://mil.wa.gov/asset/5ba4211b3ec88*](https://mil.wa.gov/asset/5ba4211b3ec88)[*[sample coordination plan].*](http://mema.maryland.gov/Documents/SROP_V3_03_MAR-15.pdf)

[*State of Maryland response operations plan*](http://mema.maryland.gov/Documents/SROP_V3_03_MAR-15.pdf) (2015). [Sample of a state’s operations plan].

**Required Websites**

Disaster Information Management Research Center. [*https://disasterinfo.nlm.nih.gov/*](https://disasterinfo.nlm.nih.gov/)

Emergency Response Plan, Ready.gov. [*https://www.ready.gov/business/implementation/emergency*](https://www.ready.gov/business/implementation/emergency)

Global Disaster Alert and Coordination System: [*http://www.gdacs.org/*](http://www.gdacs.org/)

Homeland Security Presidential Directives: [*http://www2.epa.gov/emergency-response/homeland-security-presidential-directives*](http://www2.epa.gov/emergency-response/homeland-security-presidential-directives)

National Response Framework (NRF). Department of Homeland Security. [*https://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/117791*](https://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/117791)

**Optional Reading**

*2009 Global assessment report on disaster risk reduction (2009).* United Nations. Retrieved from [*http://www.preventionweb.net/english/hyogo/gar/report/index.php?id=1130&pid:34&pif:3*](http://www.preventionweb.net/english/hyogo/gar/report/index.php?id=1130&pid%3a34&pif%3a3)