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Emergency Management as a Career Path for EMS Personnel

The field of Emergency Management may be the ideal career path for EMS personnel who want to remain in the emergency response field but who may not want to follow a clinical career path beyond EMT or Paramedic. U.S. News and World Reports identified Emergency Management Specialist as one of the top 50 careers for 2011 with a predicted double digit growth in the number of positions that will be required in the coming years. Learn about the professional opportunities and educational pathways in the field of Emergency Management from a seasoned Emergency Manager and Volunteer EMT.

Linda has 30 years of experience in the municipal, private, and governmental sectors of the emergency management, public health, and Emergency Services disciplines. She is an Emergency Management Planner, specializing in ESF 8 project aspects, with in-depth knowledge and experience in comprehensive emergency management planning, preparedness, HSEEP exercises, response and recovery, and critical infrastructure protection and resilience.

After attending this session, the learner will be able to:

1. List the various competencies required for the multiple positions in the field of emergency management.
2. List the various career options in the field of emergency management and opportunities to gain experience.
3. List the training and educational opportunities to achieve credentialing and/or a degree in the field of emergency management

Outline:

- I. Introduction
 - Defining Emergency Management, Nature of Work, Projected Job Growth, Median Salary
- II. Sectors for EM opportunities
 - HealthCare, Public Safety, Business, Federal
- III. Key Competences & Qualifications
- IV. Transitioning from EMS to Emergency Management
- V. Formal Training and Educational Degrees
- VI. The Job Search & interview
- VII. Resource List For Participants