

Legal and Policy Aspects of Resilience and Disaster Reduction

September 18 and 19

Viridian Center

[Click Here to Register](#)

The cost to attend this conference is \$50.00 which will cover snacks and Wednesday's lunch as well as materials from the speakers. CLE credit has been approved for 7.5 regular hours and 1 hour of ethics credit

Speakers and Topics

Professor Lisa Sun will be speaking on Utah's earthquake risk, what is being done to address it, and why we aren't doing more.

Erin Capps JD, will be following up on her past Utah presentation, specifically discussing procurement and contract compliance for disaster recovery and hazard mitigation projects.

Chief Mohler from California Fire : In 2018, California saw one of the most devastating wildfire years on record. From the Carr Fire to the Camp Fire, CAL FIRE stood on the front lines of over 7,600 wildfires which burned over 1.8 million acres and tragically claimed the lives of 100 individuals, both civilians and emergency responders. CAL FIRE Deputy Director Mike Mohler reflects on the challenges faced by California firefighters during this record-breaking year, and offers the lessons-learned which will shape the California fire service for years to come.

Edward Hecker Learning Lessons from Disasters Throughout the Nation: There is an urgent need to capture and address the Lessons Learned from past disaster events such that objectives, strategies and actions can be developed and implemented to achieve desired Disaster Risk Reduction and Resilience outcomes through shared responsibility on the part of all levels of government. This requires focusing on how government agencies and their partners can “play these lessons forward” to mitigate and prepare for the next potential disaster events and generate better decisions and investments throughout the risk management lifecycle.

Professor John Marshall *Steps Communities and their Attorneys can take now to reduce natural events, with special attention to protecting the most vulnerable populations* This module will include a discussion about re-covering from Disasters with limited or no federal assistance; and/or no special HUD Community Development Block Grant disaster funding. This will include a discussion of NHMA best Practices with out a Stafford Act declaration.

Keith Porter PE, PhD, *Understanding Hazards through scenarios based on science and history*. This presentation will review recent California and the United States Geological Survey (USGS) efforts to better prepare for earthquakes and floods using sound historically based scenarios. He will explain how the use of these scenarios is producing results and how Utah can benefit from this approach.

Edward A. Thomas Esq, Ed will be presenting Utah centered NHMA, DRR *curriculum* modules on:

- a) Understanding the proper uses of National Flood Insurance Program maps including the limitations of those maps;
- b) the need for higher local Floodplain Management standards to promote a Resilient Utah including a review of how recent cases provide a strong legal basis for implementation of these higher standards;
- c) State and Local Government Liability for Unconstitutional Takings in the Aftermath of Knick (*Knick v. Township of Scott*, No.17-647 (U.S. Jun. 21, 2019).

Ethics and Professional Responsibility Panel: The legal, moral, ethical, personal and professional duties that flow from understanding and implementing [or not] the lessons of this Workshop.

To Register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/legal-and-policy-aspects-of-resilience-and-disaster-reduction-tickets-69044741681?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>