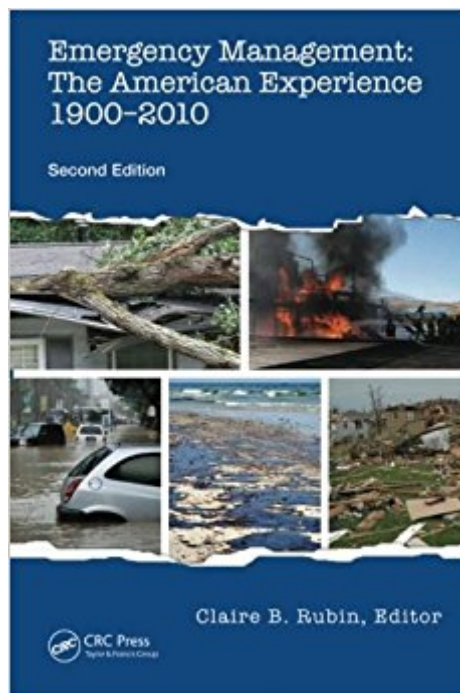




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# Emergency Management: The American Experience 1900-2010, Second Edition



## Synopsis

Following in the footsteps of its popular predecessor, the second edition of *Emergency Management: The American Experience 1900–2010* provides the background needed to understand the key political and policy underpinnings of emergency management, exploring how major "focusing events" have shaped the development of emergency management. It builds on the original theoretical framework and chronological approach, but improves on the first edition by adding fresh information on older events such as Hurricane Katrina as well as a new chapter covering the BP oil spill in 2010 and the unprecedented characteristics of the disaster response to it. The final chapter offers an insightful discussion of the public administration concepts that constitute the larger context for consideration of emergency management in the United States for more than a century. Some praise for the new edition of this award-winning book: The first edition of this book filled a serious gap in the literature by providing historical context for present-day emergency management. This edition goes further to flesh out that context, detailing the political and practical underpinnings of emergency management organization and practice. —Professor William L. Waugh Jr., Department of Public Administration & Urban Studies, Andrew Young School of Policy Studies, Georgia State University ... a must-read for both undergraduate and graduate students who want to learn from our past and join a growing professional field committed to enhancing community resilience and sustainability. —John C. Pine, director, Research Institute for Energy, Environment and Economics, Appalachian State University

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William L. Waugh Jr., professor, Department of Public Administration & Urban Studies, Andrew Young School of Policy Studies, Georgia State University

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Provides clear thoughts and interesting takes on how the government develop, implement, and test their emergency policies and procedures. Sheds light on the impact of 911 and Hurricane Katrina regarding emergency management and response; well written.

Interesting to read for a text book. I bought the kindle version (but no page numbers so it made referencing for my papers a challenge). I received a hard cover of the same book and found it to be well put together. A few pages of timeline for major events in emergency management would be helpful for quick reference. Rubin knows her stuff and has put it together in a nice book that does not have the broken up feeling of many textbooks in this field.

This book changed my life! Never have I looked at the management of disasters in such a way as to define them as isolated events with roaring consequences! Great read for those who know national security is at the highest level of importance.

Great history of disaster events and the evolution of disaster management. I highly recommend it for anyone interested in this field or studying emergency management.

Needed for course work, very good text.

I read this book for a college class, and it proved to be very useful for my understanding of course material! I recommend it to all emergency managers as a good overview of American emergency management!

I have read both "Emergency Management The American Experience" 1900-2005 and 1900-2010 ,

they both are excellent reference books that show how we have responded in past disasters, the policies that came from those responses and how we are progressing in disaster responses. I would advise anyone who is pursuing a career in Public safety or Emergency management to read this text. Phil Love

Great textbook.

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