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A Partnership for Disaster Planning and Recovery

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Disaster Preparedness Assessment Program Overview

The Disaster Preparedness Assessment (DPA) is a first-of-its-kind evaluation process designed to provide a comprehensive analysis of a facility's disaster preparedness programs and emergency contingencies. This detailed assessment is conducted by well-seasoned professionals who have extensive experience and certifications in fire protection, life-safety code enforcement, emergency medical services and homeland security.

The DPA is a multi-discipline process that utilizes document review, inventory analysis, human resources assessment and a physical plant survey to provide a comprehensive evaluation of a facility's state of readiness as well as compliance with recommended practices pertaining to disaster planning and recovery programs.

While most facilities focus on immediate and common threats like fire and severe weather, a great majority of operations fail to adequately prepare for other potential perils such as bioterrorism, hazardous material spill, pandemic threat, workplace violence, nuclear power accident, etc. and do not utilize a standard emergency management model to appropriately respond to these crisis and disaster situations. The DPA will evaluate a facility's ability to respond to "All Hazards" and its utilization of nationally recognized programs like the Incident Command System (ICS) as promoted in the National Incident Management System (NIMS).

While a typical emergency preparedness evaluation conducted within the boundaries of a Risk Control Analysis may briefly touch upon the critical topic of disaster preparedness, the DPA is an extremely detail-oriented process that will give facility administration, corporate management, insurance officials and underwriters a realistic impression of how capable an operation is in preparing for, responding to and recovering from critical incidents that may result in serious losses.

LTC Alliance, LLC, a recognized leader in professional liability risk management, joined forces with Fire and Life Safety, Inc, Sorensen, Wilder and Associates and A.J. Chianca and Associates to form the Emergency Management Alliance or "EM Alliance." The EM Alliance DPA is a revolutionary assessment protocol that will give decision-makers an unbiased and objective evaluation of a property's vulnerabilities and strengths. In addition, the DPA protocol will provide detailed recommendations to help a facility develop reliable programs in step with proposed Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) guidelines and recommended practices like those promoted by The Joint Commission (JC), the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the United States Department of Homeland Security.

Full review and utilization of recommendations provided by the DPA can help a facility implement plans and programs that may potentially save lives, avert costly business interruption, avoid litigation and maintain continuity of operations before, during and after a crisis or disaster situation.