

Coastal Flooding From Tropical Storm Irene – From the Perspective of a First Responder

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An event like Tropical Storm Irene presents a challenge for those in the Emergency Management and First Responder Community. The presentation will discuss the plans and actions taken 24 hours prior to the storm's onset, and how many agencies at the federal, state and local levels must work together to prepare. It will also discuss how these plans were implemented once the storm was occurring, and the aftermath. Images during the height of the flooding and the devastation to follow will be a centerpiece of the presentation.

PRESENTER'S BIO

Douglas F. Jackson is the Fire Chief and Emergency Management Director for the Town of East Haven Connecticut. He is the 2012 recipient of the Emergency Manager of the Year Award by the Northeast States Emergency Consortium (NESEC) for CT in regards to his command of first responders after T.S. Irene and efforts for the town and homeowners receiving assistance from the state and FEMA in the months that followed the storm. He has been previously recognized for his leadership of local forces responding to ground zero at the World Trade Center in NY on 9-11, and was chosen by former CT Governor Rell to represent CT at the five year anniversary ceremony held there. Chief Jackson has over 28 years of career service to the EHFD, is a state licensed fire inspector, EMT, and holds an AS in Fire Science.