**Module 3 - Case**

**DISASTER PREPAREDNESS**

**Case Overview**

**Wildfires**

Wildfires can cause great devastation to people, homes, and animals. If not responded to quickly, a wildfire can easily become unmanageable, forcing voluntary or mandatory evacuation. Think you have plenty of time to escape a wildfire? Watch this video clip, [*Texas Parks and Wildlife*](%20https%3A/www.youtube.com/watch?v=106tOoXVsxQ), to see how fast a wildfire travels. Retrieved from [*https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=106tOoXVsxQ*](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=106tOoXVsxQ)

This is why preparedness is key to potential wildfires and other natural or man-made disasters. \*The DHS National Preparedness Goal is capabilities-based and is organized into five mission areas:

1. **Prevention**. Avoid, prevent, or stop an imminent, threatened, or actual act of terrorism.
2. **Protection**. Protect our citizens, residents, visitors, assets, systems, and networks against the greatest threats and hazards in a manner that allows our vital interests and way of life to thrive.
3. **Mitigation.** Reduce the loss of life and property by lessening the impact of disasters.
4. **Response.** Respond quickly to save lives, protect property and the environment, and meet basic human needs in the aftermath of an incident.
5. **Recovery.** Assist communities affected by an incident to recover through a focus on the timely restoration, strengthening and revitalization of infrastructure, housing and the economy, as well as the health, social, cultural, historic, and environmental fabric of communities affected by an incident.

\* National preparedness goal (2015). DHS.

Read more about the National Preparedness Goal in your background reading.

**Case Assignment**

California has seen more than its share of wildfires throughout the years.

1. From your background readings and websites, find references to wildfires emergency plan for California. What are some preparedness efforts that you located? Are these measures also relevant to other types of disasters? If so, what other types?
2. In preparing for a wildfire, what are some recommendations if you are trapped in your house with a raging fire outdoors? Would this work for you? If not, why?

Remember to support your statement with quotations and proper citations.

**Assignment Expectations**

**Length:** This Case Assignment should be 4–6 pages, not counting the title page and references.

**References:** At least two references should be included from academic sources (e.g., peer-reviewed journal articles). Required readings are included. Quoted material should not exceed 10% of the total paper (since the focus of these assignments is critical thinking). Use your own words and build on the ideas of others. When material is copied verbatim from external sources, it MUST be enclosed in quotes. The references should be cited within the text and listed at the end of the assignment in the References section (preferably in APA format).

**Organization:** Subheadings should be used to organize your paper according to question.

**Grammar and Spelling:** While no points are deducted for minor errors, assignments are expected to adhere to standard guidelines of grammar, spelling, punctuation, and sentence syntax. Points may be deducted if grammar and spelling impact clarity.