

Failure to Imagine a Worst-Case situation

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Presentation Abstract: It is well known by all American citizens that the Federal Emergency Management Administration has performed excellently and saved many lives due to their exceptional plans for immediate response and recovery to a multitude of disaster scenarios at perfecting many levels from local to regional levels, with plans and procedures up to a catastrophic level resulting from earthquakes, tsunamis, wildfires, tornadoes, hurricanes, floods and more. The intent of this presentation is to have them "imagine" beyond the Catastrophic level to discuss the importance of planning for a Cataclysmic and beyond level of operating within a realm of destruction and chaos upon entering into a severe Volatile, Uncertain, Complex and Ambiguous (VUCA) areas of operation involving a few to several or more FEMA regions simultaneously affected by a Solar induced Coronal Mass Ejection; a high-altitude nuclear burst (HEMP); Cyber-attack; Physical/Terrorist attack; Pandemic and more. All of these threat vectors have the ability, over a very short period of time, to initiate Cascading failures across all 16 Critical Infrastructures.