

Stories from the Edge: Disaster and Moments of Insight

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We are creating a book about what people have learned from their experiences in managing emergencies and disasters, in any of the phases of mitigation, prevention, preparedness, response or recovery. We would like to invite you to share your most meaningful experience with us by becoming a contributor. A selection of the stories submitted will be edited and published in a book, with the remainder being used as a resource for students of disaster and emergency management.

Disasters such as fires, tornados, hurricanes, floods, explosions, severe storms, terrorism and other natural or man-made disasters have all impacted our daily lives in one form or another and continue to be ongoing concerns. It is our hope that through this collection of stories we can inspire, encourage and foster innovative learning.

“From the Edge” will feature personal stories of people from a variety of specialties, who have planned for or experienced crises, or dedicated their live to protecting others. By sharing your story, others will benefit from your experience.

Tell us how your work has helped to shape you into the person that you are today. Your story shouldn't be just a factual report—make us think, make us laugh, make us cry...

Some points to consider when submitting your story are:

- Use the first person narrative
- Focus on either a single event or multiple events that were compelling in your life.
- Focus on what inspired or enlightened you.
- Consider events that moved you.
- Write from your heart about a life-changing or life-defining experience.
- The tone of your story may be inspiring, poignant or, when appropriate, humorous.

Please note: There are no strict guidelines to consider in terms of length – anything up to 5000 words is acceptable. Upon receiving your story, we will request that you sign a release form allowing us to publish your contribution. If you have any questions, please contact storiesfromtheedge@gmail.com

Submission Guidelines

- Submissions can be sent in WORD via email to: storiesfromtheedge@gmail.com
- Cite the story title in the subject line.
- Submission deadline: Flexible

Thank you for your time and consideration, we hope to receive your support and endorsement.

Yours truly,

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