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**Emergency Managers preach:
Emergencies can happen anytime.
We ask “Are you ready?”
But, are we ready?**



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Are We Ready?

- Emergency Management Programs continually inform their jurisdictions; “emergencies can happen anytime”.
 - We follow that sound bite up, by asking them:
 - Are You Ready?
- For 2021 Emergency Preparedness Week, let’s ask ourselves:
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- The time is “right now!”, we have their attention!
- You have been forced to think beyond typical emergency management processes and structures!
- We know reviews and corrective action plans will lead to change;

Let's lead that change!

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- Think beyond typical emergency management structures
- Situations are can be dire and a myriad of multi-dimensional and complex challenges
- They're not exactly the same and no one-size fits all approach can be used
- Requires considerable collaboration, communication, coordination, cooperation, and consideration to establish convention

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- The issues are political, and not just with those elected officials
- Fundamentally the issues are at a number of levels with competing interests of those involved
- Enable consideration at all levels of all partners and stakeholders
- Ensuring harmony and cohesion is crucial in ensuring effective and efficient response and recovery

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- Don't let poor technology or data collection systems, inadequate reporting, lack of public awareness and inclusiveness lead to poor information being disseminated to stakeholders, this can lead to being unprepared and therefore lead to inaction.
- Build transparent and collaborative structures
- Develop efficient and effective information dissemination
- Inclusive evidence-based decision making





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Hyperlinks for more information

- [Progress in Disaster Science](#); Are we there yet?
- [Global Risk Assessment Framework](#); Shifting the paradigm
- [Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction](#)

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