On the Front Lines: Addressing Stress, Trauma & Suicide Prevention in Community Responders

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Suicide Prevention in First Responders

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First Responders

- Types of First Responders
 - Professional Responders
 - EMTs, Firefighters, Law Enforcement Officers
 - Emergency Management personnel, Red Cross personnel
 - Non-traditional Responders
 - Public Health and Mental Health responders
 - Faith-based responders
 - Community Volunteers
 - Passersby or Witnesses

Types of Disasters

- -Disaster Types
 - Weather-related or natural disaster
 - –Tornado
 - -Hurricane
 - -Flooding
 - Human-caused response
 - -Chemical accident
 - -Mass murder event
 - -Terrorist attack
 - -Multiple vehicle pile-up

Types of Disasters

• Epidemiologic response –Outbreak

Suicides by Occupation

- NIOSH data includes suicides in the workplace
- Bureau of Labor Statistics' Census of Fatal Occupational Injury database
- Suicide data not known by occupation
- NVDRS data currently covers 42 states & it does include occupation
 - Psychological autopsy