This book surveys the laws that regulate emergency responses by the fire service, hazardous materials teams, emergency medical services, law enforcement agents, and volunteer groups; relevant case law is also examined. The first section of the book addresses emergency response law, including case law. The topics addressed are the duty to act in crisis situations and who must act; training accidents; vehicle issues (hot pursuit and vehicle accidents); dispatch issues (delayed dispatch and dispatch standards); emergency medical services; managing a response; hazardous materials incidents; using volunteer resources; recovery by responders (rescue); and lessons learned for emergency responders from September 11. The second section of the book focuses on emergency management law. A chapter on the powers of State governors compares gubernatorial powers in emergency management in various States; and a chapter on State and local responsibilities examines responsibilities and potential liabilities for emergency planning by States and local units of government. The chapter on Federal emergency management looks at the Federal structure for emergency mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery.