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The authors begin with an overview of topics crucial for successful response efforts, discussing terror medicine, security, and communications among emergency responders. Throughout the remainder of the book they provide fascinating case studies, exploring the role of all involved in a given scenario from emergency physicians and managers to law enforcement personnel and even bystanders and survivors. Each scenario includes detailed guidance on how to best communicate and coordinate response efforts among responders, assessment of the success or failure of response efforts, and suggestions for improvement.

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