Utah Valley University Emergency Services Department

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• Emergency Management is a field of Public Services that deals with the processes used to protect a population or organization from the consequences of disasters, wars and acts of terrorism.
• Emergency Management education programs focus on the leadership skills needed to assist the public, direct first responders, and advise officials in the preparation, response, and recovery from disasters and other emergencies.
• Graduates from emergency management education programs work for law enforcement, fire and emergency medical fields. They also work in federal and state Homeland Security and emergency management agencies as well as for non-governmental agencies and private businesses.

What does a manager in Emergency Management Services do?
• EMS managers focus on the study, preparation, planning, mitigation, response, and recovery for natural and man-made disasters and acts of terrorism.
• Emergency Management graduates can work under many different titles. Often they are police officers, firefighters, military, and medical personnel working in their respective fields while using the management and leadership skills they learned through EMS Management. Example job titles are: Police Detective, Fire Battalion Chief, Paramedic, Emergency Manager, Dispatcher, and Security Officer, and Emergency management Specialist.

Who can they work for?
• Private industries and businesses
• The Federal Emergency Management Agency
• United States Department of Defense
• State, County, and Municipal Fire Departments, Police Departments, and Emergency Management Departments
• Department of Homeland Security
• Red Cross
• Catholic Social Services
• Many other areas

What is the earning potential?
• This depends on what company or institution you are working for and under which job title. A great resource in determining income for emergency managers and the job titles listed above, can be found on the Bureau of Labor Statistics Occupational Outlook Handbook at www.bls.gov/ooh/

Do you have more questions?
• Contact a Utah Valley University Emergency Services academic advisor at 801-863-7798 or toll free at 888-548-7816. You may also email an advisor at emsa@uvu.edu.