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SAN ANTONIO

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS
Fire and Emergency Services Administration Program
FESA 3338 Community Risk Reduction
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A. MAJOR COURSE DESCRIPTION/REQUIREMENT

This course examines concepts of community sociology, the role of fire-related organizations within the community, and their impact on the local fire problem, including fire service relationships within the community and other agencies, developing a community inventory, shaping community policy, master planning, and shaping community perceptions about the local fire service

B. LEARNING OUTCOMES

1. Become champions of risk reduction.
2. Develop and meet risk reduction objectives.
3. Identify and develop intervention strategies.
4. Implement a risk reduction program.
5. Review and modify risk reduction programs.

C. LECTURE OR DISCUSSION TOPICS

Describe the relationship between the fire service and non- emergency support agencies
Describe the sociological view of the community
Describe the purpose of a community inventory
Develop an argument by explaining three reasons for a community to assess its needs Identify
origins of master planning and federal documents that advocate the process

D. REQUIRED OR RECOMMENDED READINGS

Community Risk Reduction: Principles and Practices, 1st Ed
Beverly E. Walker, ISBN 9781284195057, Jones and Bartlett Learning.

The Sociology of Community Connections, 2nd Edition (2011); John G. Bruhn, Springer Publications.
Available on line through the Library.