



## EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIVISION

*"A disaster ready and resilient Washington State"*

# NASTTPO Midyear Conference Briefing

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## **Workshop on Emergency Management Advanced Topics & Liability Issues in Emergency Planning**

During the conference the NASTTPO President, Tim Gablehouse, gave a three hour workshop on liability issues related to emergency planning.

Highlights of the workshop included:

- Specific litigation examples
- Emphasis on ensuring the whole community participates in the planning process. Especially including ADA and LEP Communities.
- Tim offered to come to Washington State to give the same workshop.



## **Chemical Safety Board (CSB)**

The CSB is a unique agency, modeled on the U.S. National Transportation Safety Board. The CSB investigations identify the root causes of chemical incidents and share these findings broadly across industries to prevent future incidents. Investigations routinely involve scientific peer review to confirm facts, analysis and conclusions. No other Federal agency or private entity performs this type of comprehensive investigation

- **During the NASTTPO Conference, Manuel "Manny" Ehrlich with the CSB, gave a presentation on safety culture using video example from the CSB website.**
- **Currently the Board has several vacant positions**
- **The CSB website contains information on their investigations including animated videos of the incidents and CSB Board recommendations.**

<https://www.csb.gov/>



### Other Topics

- Gerald Kosaki, Battalion Chief, HFD LEPC Chair, Hawaii Island gave a presentation on the Kilauea Incident.
- EPA gave an up date on RMP rule changes .
- US Poultry & Egg Association gave a presentation on working with CAFOs.
- NOAA gave updates on CAMEO.