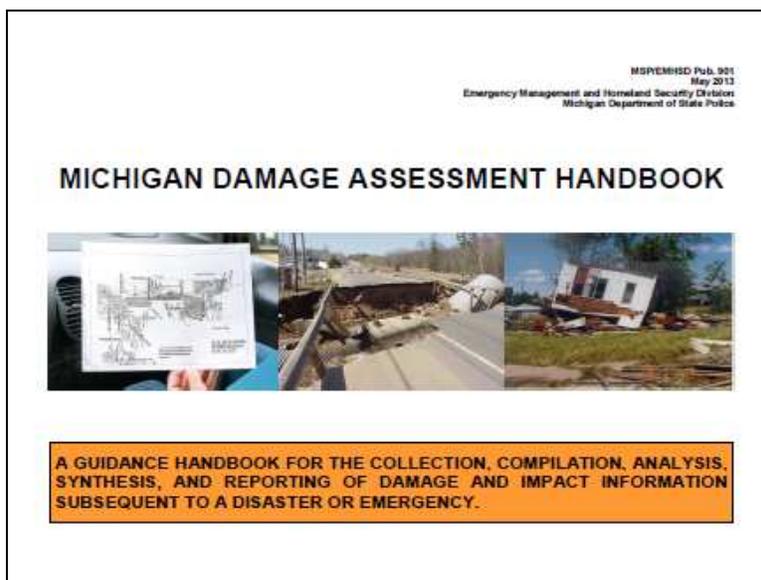


MSP/EMHSD Publication 901 – Michigan Damage Assessment Handbook

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The Michigan State Police, Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division (MSP/EMHSD) has completed the new MSP/EMHSD Publication 901, “Michigan Damage Assessment Handbook” (pictured above). This document is posted on the MSP/EMHSD web site (www.michigan.gov/emhsd), under “Response” in the “Emergency Management and Homeland Security Publications” section of the web site.

The handbook is intended to provide guidance to aid local and tribal governments in developing an effective assessment organization, and in conducting damage assessment operations in the field and in the Emergency Operations Center (EOC), to facilitate the timely collection, compilation, analysis, synthesis, and reporting of damage and impact information subsequent to a disaster or emergency. The planning and operational considerations contained in the handbook are consistent with the Michigan Emergency Management Plan (MEMP) and Michigan’s new Critical Incident Management System (MI CIMS), as well as the damage and impact assessment elements of the National Response Framework (NRF). The handbook is also consistent and compliant with the National Incident Management System (NIMS), supports damage and impact assessment recommendations provided by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), and meets current disaster damage and impact assessment Standards under the Emergency Management Accreditation Program (EMAP).

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Important Note: This document is Michigan’s primary damage and impact assessment guidance. It should be followed, to the extent practicable, in developing an assessment organization and in conducting damage and impact assessment operations. Failure to follow the systems, processes, and recommendations prescribed in the handbook may unnecessarily delay the rendering of assistance from the State, and from nongovernmental and federal partners.

