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This two-volume set (CCIS 951 and CCIS 952) constitutes the proceedings of the 13th International Conference on Bio-inspired Computing: Theories and Applications, BIC-TA 2018, held in Beijing, China, in November 2018. The 88 full papers presented in both volumes were selected from 206 submissions. The papers deal with studies abstracting computing ideas such as data structures, operations with data, ways to control operations, computing models from living phenomena or biological systems such as evolution, cells, neural networks, immune systems, swarm intelligence. This book provides a number of windows into homeland security and emergency management law - covering both the basic structure of the homeland security and emergency management system and presenting detailed analysis of specific areas (such as applying for federal preparedness funds, negotiating intergovernmental agreements, applying for disaster assistance, and managing the impact of catastrophic events).

Elder Law Practice in Tennessee covers all aspects of elder law as it currently exists in Tennessee. This one volume treatise addresses senior citizens and the law relevant to the legal practitioner and others providing allied services. Using this book as a guide, you can feel confident when: • planning for medical, financial, and quality of life decisions, • setting up a conservatorship, • making ethical considerations in elder law practice, • choosing housing options for an elderly client, and • planning for long-term care. The appendices include an Elder Law Planning Questionnaire for client use, a table of current public benefits figures, life estate and life expectancy tables, as well as a resource directory.

The vast flow of information to be considered by

policy and decision makers in national and local governments is continuing to expand during the 1990s, whilst budgets for staff to process the information are being tightened. This publication provides a forum for the examination of the problem. It aims to focus the efforts of researchers and practitioners more effectively in applying information technology to increase the performance of decision makers in public administration despite the limited resources. Topics explored include the following: design considerations and approaches for, and practical experiences with, communication and information processing infrastructure and applications at the workplace level; the design and implementation of support systems for individual or group decision making in governmental and municipal settings; modelling and model management techniques, based on case reports of successful and unsuccessful modelling efforts; concepts, approaches and models for re-designing tasks and processes in public administration; issues and challenges in integrating the information systems of several governmental bodies. The book is divided into two parts for the discussion of these themes - the first section deals primarily with theoretical and conceptual issues; the second part contains papers with a stronger emphasis on systems, their functionality and experiences in their development and application. The authors'

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affiliations (17 organizations from 8 different countries) indicates the international nature of the contributions. The ideas put forward in their papers show that research into supporting decision making in public administration is well on its way but that the research area is vast, with yet many hills to scale. Special edition of the Federal register, containing a codification of documents of general applicability and future effect as of ... with ancillaries.

The events of September 11, 2001 changed perceptions, rearranged national priorities, and produced significant new government entities, including the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) created in 2003. While the principal mission of DHS is to lead efforts to secure the nation against those forces that wish to do harm, the department also has responsibilities in regard to preparation for and response to other hazards and disasters, such as floods, earthquakes, and other "natural" disasters. Whether in the context of preparedness, response or recovery from terrorism, illegal entry to the country, or natural disasters, DHS is committed to processes and methods that feature risk assessment as a critical component for making better-informed decisions. Review of the Department of Homeland Security's Approach to Risk Analysis explores how DHS is building its capabilities in risk analysis to inform decision making. The department uses risk analysis to inform decisions ranging from high-level

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policy choices to fine-scale protocols that guide the minute-by-minute actions of DHS employees. Although DHS is responsible for mitigating a range of threats, natural disasters, and pandemics, its risk analysis efforts are weighted heavily toward terrorism. In addition to assessing the capability of DHS risk analysis methods to support decision-making, the book evaluates the quality of the current approach to estimating risk and discusses how to improve current risk analysis procedures. Review of the Department of Homeland Security's Approach to Risk Analysis recommends that DHS continue to build its integrated risk management framework. It also suggests that the department improve the way models are developed and used and follow time-tested scientific practices, among other recommendations.

This fully updated Immigration Law Handbook contains the complete and updated primary law that immigration and homeland security professionals need on a daily basis. Inside this immigration handbook you'll find the full text of the laws with cross-references, along with a table of sections affected by recent legislation, highlights of the most recent Congressional Session, and immigration classifications and charts. A comprehensive Index helps you find and apply the law quickly.

Fed. agencies are increasingly using electronic mail (e-mail) for essential communication. In doing so, they are potentially creating messages that have the status of fed. records, which must be managed and preserved in accordance with the Fed. Records Act. Under the act, both the Nat. Archives and

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Records Admin. (NARA) and fed. agencies have responsibilities for managing fed. records, including e-mail records. In view of the importance that e-mail plays in documenting gov't. activities, this report reviews the extent to which NARA provides oversight of fed. records mgmt., describes selected agencies' processes for managing e-mail records, and assesses these agencies' e-mail policies and key practices. Includes recommendations. Charts.

This book constitutes the thoroughly refereed post-conference proceedings of the 7th International Conference on Intelligent Computing, ICIC 2011, held in Zhengzhou, China, in August 2011. The 94 revised full papers presented were carefully reviewed and selected from 832 submissions. The papers are organized in topical sections on intelligent computing in scheduling; local feature descriptors for image processing and recognition; combinatorial and numerical optimization; machine learning theory and methods; intelligent control and automation; knowledge representation/reasoning and expert systems; intelligent computing in pattern recognition; intelligent computing in image processing; intelligent computing in computer vision; biometrics with applications to individual security/forensic sciences; modeling, theory, and applications of positive systems; sparse manifold learning methods and applications; advances in intelligent information processing.

Eight previous iterations of this text have proven to be highly regarded and considered the definitive training guide and instructional text for first-line security officers in both the private and public sectors. The material included in the newest version covers all the subjects essential to the training of protection officers. This valuable resource and its

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predecessors have been utilized worldwide by the International Foundation for Protection Officers since 1988, as the core curriculum for the Certified Protection Officer (CPO) Program. The Professional Protection Officer: Practical Security Strategies and Emerging Trends provides critical updates and fresh guidance, as well as diagrams and illustrations; all have been tailored to the training and certification needs of today's protection professionals. Offers trainers and trainees all new learning aids designed to reflect the most current information and to support and reinforce professional development. Written by a cross-disciplinary contributor team consisting of top experts in their respective fields.

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) faces many complex security challenges. Similar to the Department of Defense (DOD) before 1986, DHS components compete against one another for parochial benefits. This competition limits unity of effort and reduces both effectiveness and efficiency. DHS needs a mechanism to attain unity of effort through unity of command at the operational level. Can a DOD type Joint Task Force (JTF) structure provide the unity of command needed at DHS? This paper explores the application of a JTF to one of DHS's complex security issues, the Akwesasne Territory.

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