

## **The mission and major features of Calamity Jane Express ®**

**Mission:** provide data to inform the public about emergency related issues and also provide software to process/transceive this data. The emergency levels addressed are 2<sup>nd</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> level, i.e.: calamities that are going to happen or are already happening, respectively. Main target: living beings (as opposite to material properties).

### **Material:**

- Software to quickly process data (messages/records) and save or send them over the Internet with minimal effort.
- Information(/data) providing the public suggestions of what to do in case of an emergency. The information can be composed by the author of the software (i.e. local), or third parties.

### **Sources:**

- The terms and their classification found in the Emergency Checklists, composed by the author of this software, are so-called (emergency) standard messages as proposed by the American Red Cross and its affiliates at <http://www.redcross.org/disaster/disasterguide/standardmsg.html> which has been put into the public domain (There is not any affiliation between Calamity Jane Express ® and the American Red Cross and its affiliates).  
The terms and classification have not been altered, but everything has neatly been packed together to make every emergency class (:category) fit on one printable paper (:handout), where possible.
- Third parties, of course, are the source of their own information.

**Distribution channels:** the Internet, storage media (e.g. CD's) and documents (e.g. flyers etc).

### **Main features software:**

- The software has been made with speed in mind: simple and effective.
- Command buttons are not more than two layers away, i.e. no more searching in sub-sub-sub...windows to look for that specific command button.
- Every command shortly explains its function, when you hover the mouse over it.
- 1&2-press keys: you hardly need a mouse. Press a key once or twice, to its most, to activate a command. The key to press can be found on the command button, so no documentation is needed.
- Easy processing of message/records and quickly sending them to multiple recipients.
- Unique is that the emergency information (handouts, clips, etc) is also provided with the software. It's not just software: it is software *plus content* (but extra information can easily be added).
- Email can be read by any email program, but the results are most optimal if the recipient also has a Calamity Jane Express ® program. This way you can send/receive records in a specific layout that can easily be read by the program.

### **Tips:**

- The majority of the emergency checklists fit on one paper. Print it out and cover it between plastic foils, to prevent it from getting dirty or wet.
- Print both sites of the paper: one checklist on one site and another checklist on the other site, to bring down the amount of paper to be used.
- Save the checklists on a public or easy accessible place.
- The software is not fit for bulk-processing and -emailing. There for you a program that is e.g. written in C, and this one is not. Results are optimal for small to medium amount of record/message processing and emailing.

### **Future:**

The methodologies and technologies that were used to develop this software will be abandoned, in favour of more sophisticated and modern ones. The software served its purpose but also had its limitations and will be replaced by a "Next Generation", which prototype should show up near the end of this year. An important feature will be the possibility of add-ons by third parties, so that it can be expanded easily (as a part of better general scalability). Besides more robustness *and* streamlining of course!

### **Contributing Ideas etc**

If you have idea's suggestions, remarks, etc about the (future) software and other material provided here, please send it to the email address that you can find on the website (see below).