

## **Aton Edwards Sample Questions**

### **PERSONAL**

Why did you start the International Preparedness Network? What is it, exactly?

What organizations have you worked with?

How did your childhood and upbringing prepare you for what you're doing today?

How long have you been training people in emergency preparedness?

Have you ever been caught in any emergencies or disasters (large or small) in which your skills came in handy?

Why did you write this book?

You're working with Toni Seawright (Miss Mississippi 1987 and IPN member) on building disaster-resistant homes in Katrina-destroyed Mississippi, a program that is being championed by Trent Lott. How is this project coming along?

### **PREPAREDNESS**

Why is disaster preparedness for individuals and their families so crucial in America in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century?

In the wake of Hurricane Katrina and 9-11, with the threat of Avian flu looming near, why aren't people more focused on preparedness?

How do you plan to engage people with your work to become more prepared?

What sorts of potential emergencies and disasters should we be most concerned about in (Your city and state here)?

What is your first piece of advice for intimidated people who want to begin to prepare themselves and their families?

What are the lessons of Hurricane Katrina and its aftermath?

What are your feelings on putting FEMA under the Department of Homeland Security?

What are the most important things for the average family to have to be prepared? Explain to us briefly the purposes of the "E-Kit" and "Grab-and-Go" Bag.

Do you have to go through a lot of difficult mail-order catalogs and specialty shops to build a preparedness kit?

What is the biggest potential emergency or disaster threat right now for our country, in your opinion?

What social and political issues affect preparedness?

How has disaster preparedness changed since you founded IPN?