



SPEAKERS BUREAU



Presentation Information

Presentation Category	Miscellaneous Topics
Presentation Title	Disaster Management and Large-Scale Evacuation Leadership for Law and Fire
Presentation Length	2 hours for the overview and up to 16 hours for the in-depth version. Tabletop exercises can be included
Presentation Objective	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bringing law enforcement and the Fire service together to prepare for disaster and large-scale evacuations.• Develop crisis leadership habits and techniques.• Provide a framework for a community assessment prior to a disaster event.• Build notification and evacuation polygons and establish trigger points.• Apply lessons learned to other large-scale events and all hazards responses.
Presentation Description	<p>Each year our nation experiences large-scale disasters that prompt evacuations, and each year we watch communities relearn the same lessons. This class shares how lessons learned from more than two decades of disasters both near and abroad influenced planning across Northern Colorado ahead of the largest wildfire in the history of Colorado, The Cameron Peak Fire and the floods that followed. In 2021, a partnership between the International Association of Fire Chiefs, National Sheriffs Association, and the International Association of Chiefs of Police came together to sponsor a training program for law enforcement and Fire service responding to disasters. In 2023, this program was expanded to a two-day course to improve relationships between response agencies and improve the safety and efficacy of those operating in the environment. The two-day program walked participants through crisis leadership, relationship building, evacuation planning, evacuation response,</p>

	and a table-top scenario. This course will highlight the main lessons learned from national incidents and our own experiences. We will outline the actionable steps that each community can take to evaluate their current programs and leverage the partners necessary to move forward. It will also touch on how these lessons can be carried to other types of disasters, both natural and human caused. We hope for each community to improve the cooperation and collaboration between all emergency response agencies working on these disasters to produce the best outcome for all involved.
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Speaker's Biography	Joe Shellhammer is currently the Undersheriff of Larimer County Sheriff's Office in Colorado. He is entering his 32nd year in Law Enforcement. Prior to becoming a police officer, he served as a Professional Fire fighter in New Jersey. During his time in Emergency services, he was involved in four hurricanes and several large-scale wildfires with evacuations to include the largest wildfire in Colorado history Cameron Peak. During these natural disasters he has worked with over 14 Federal Incident Management teams. Disaster management and large-scale evacuation leadership is his specialty. He works with the International Association of Fire Chiefs co-teaching the course "Wildfire for Law Enforcement", piloted in 2023.