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Emergency Preparedness Manager City of Independence Missouri

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Emergency Management/Preparedness ♦ Public Safety Planning ♦ Homeland Security Grant Coordination ♦ Emergency Medical Services
EOC Design ♦ EOP Planning ♦ Firefighter/Paramedic Medical Instruction ♦ Business Management ♦ Project Management ♦ Budgeting Customer Service ♦
Curriculum Planning ♦ Conflict & Problem Resolution ♦ Team Management ♦ Staff Development ♦ Public Speaking

HIGHLIGHTS OF QUALIFICATIONS

- **Business professional** with 23 years of direct experience in the fields of Emergency Management/Preparedness, EOC Design and Testing, Emergency Response Planner, Emergency Medical Services & Education, Public Safety, Commercial Broadcasting, Satellite Communications, Corporate Finance, and Health & Benefit Administration
- Experience Emergency Management Coordinator/Director with proven track record administering multiple projects simultaneously
- Outstanding **leadership** and **problem-solving** abilities; innate ability to efficiently identify/correct source of problems; patience with training and retraining team members at all levels in an organization; capacity for learning and analyzing highly complex material and developing easily understood concepts to teach the material to all types of individuals; catalyst for educational programs; authored/edited newsletters, technical articles and manuals.
- Strong **computer literacy**: Network (design & administration) & PC's; software applications (including Microsoft Office, Novell, Windows NT, Internet, E-mail, Peachtree, D-Base, Fire Soft, Fire Point, Soft Risk, Paradox, & Arc View, Arc Info, Mitigation 20/20, WebEOC); Developed programming to convert Main Frame health & benefit data bases for PC use.
- Exceptional **communication & interpersonal skills**; easily interact with people of all levels; establish excellent working relationship with team members; effective **negotiator/motivator**; function well under pressure: **versatile, innovative, loyal, highly team and results oriented.**

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

City of INDEPENDENCE MISSOURI OFFICE of EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT Emergency Preparedness Manager

Independence, MO
2004 – Present

- Responsible for the development and daily management of the emergency preparedness functions for the City of Independence Missouri
- Design, coordination and development of the City's Emergency Operations Plans and Operating Procedures
- Design, build and Manage all EOC facilities and activations
- Development and Management of the Independence Citizens Corps, CERT and other volunteer program (rated as one of FEMA's top 5 in the country) with over Twenty Three (23) active programs.
- Responsible for City's National Incident Management System compliance and training and FEMA special needs sheltering/preparedness
- Coordinate with RACES and HAM volunteers to design and implement HAM Station used in the EOC along with designed, developed and implemented a real time weather station system throughout the City.
- Maintain and service all radio systems for the Fire Department and member of the City's 700 MHz interoperability development team, task with the purchase and implementation of the first 700 MHz systems in the nation.
- Responsible for the administration of all EMPG, HSGP and UASI grants for the City of Independence.
- Implement and coordinate the integration of the Jackson County and City of Independence Emergency Operations Centers

CITY of KANSAS CITY MISSOURI OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT EOC Systems Integrator

Kansas City, MO
2002 - 2004

- Responsible for the design, project management, construction and testing of the new EOC facility for the City of Kansas City Missouri with a budget of two million dollars. Anticipate completion of the project on time and under budget.
- Coordinated all facets of the project including: WAN/LAN technology, radio communications, telecommunications, MATV, and automated EOC tracking software (WebEOC).
- Responsible for implementation of redundant back up systems for the facility and development of exercises to test the EOC facility.
- Worked with RACES and HAM volunteers to design and implement HAM Station used in the EOC and Designed, developed and implemented a real time flood video warning system in conjunction with Time Warner.
- Coordinated and facilitated meetings with all organizations task with responsibilities in the EOP to develop useable EOC technology, workstations and procedures.
- Responsible for project budgeting, negotiated purchasing contracts and tracking of all cost and finishing the project \$780,000 under budget.

UNIFIED GOVERNMENT of WYANDOTTE COUNTY/KANSAS CITY, KANSAS EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT Emergency Program Coordinator

Kansas City, KS
1999 – 2002

- Responsible for Risk and Vulnerability Assessments, Development of Local Emergency Operations Plan, Bio-Terrorism Plan, Mitigation Planning, Training Coordination, Special Environmental Projects, Tier II Regulations and Local Emergency Planning Committee Development (LEPC)
- Coordinated over \$1,000,000 in grant programs including Nunn-Lugar-Domenici, Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS), and Kansas DOJ State Terrorist Mitigation Grants.
- Pivotal role in development and coordination of Project Community Alert (PCA), a program involving Metropolitan Emergency Management Committee with the goal of distributing 100,000 weather radios over a 3-year period throughout the Greater Kansas City Area.
- Development of exercises testing Emergency Operation Plans for chemical, biological and terrorist events coordinated with Public and private organizations involving multiple and diverse public safety agencies.
- Coordinated Special Environmental Project between EPA and Fortune 100 company developing a LEPC Website for spill and Tier II data reporting
- Subcommittee Chair for Coordination of MEMC Home Show Booth involving over 15 Public Safety Agencies distributing preparedness information to over 20,000 people
- Metropolitan Medical Response System Coordinator responsible for developing a pharmaceutical stockpile and working with local hospitals to develop a plan to mass distribute stockpiled pharmaceuticals and increase patient loads during a bio-terrorist event.

SOUTH METROPOLITAN FIRE DISTRICT

EMS/EP Coordinator/Firefighter/Paramedic/Instructor

**Raymore, MO
1994 – 1999**

- Certified instructor for: Fire Fighter, Paramedic, Hazardous Materials, Water Rescue, NAUI SCUBA Instructor, CPR, CPR-Automatic External Defibrillator, Advanced Cardiac Life Support
- Core developer of the Emergency Medical Services training program at SMFD through: business plan development, recruitment (student & instructor), budgeting, and program oversight and responsible for Emergency Management Planning and Preparedness.
- Integral part of the community service program at SMFD; Maintained status as active shift firefighter/paramedic; Mid America Regional Council for Emergency Resources.
- 1997 Western Missouri Firefighter of the Year–Kansas City, MO Fire Department; Award for Outstanding Service & Dedication as EMS Program Coordinator – SMFD; Award for Excellence in Emergency Medical Education –SMFD

WCI, Inc.

Owner/Operator

**Overland Park, KS
1991 – 1994**

- Managed specialized projects for companies involving computer systems; Continuity of Operations Planning, facilities/operations Security planning, Computer and phone security systems; communications projects; technical sales; Operating system education; general management communication system construction; Administration of Section 125 Tax Savings Plans; licensed Health, Life and Disability insurance agent; employee benefits counselor.
- Clients included: Health & Benefits Systems; Jet Tech Inc. (oversight of renovation of 100,000 sq ft manufacturing plant); The Dive Shop; Garsite TSI; Payless Cashways; International Tours; Scuba Adventures; Town & Country Builders; Farmland Industries; Dymon Inc.; Pembroke School.
- Organized, managed and conducted SCUBA diving trips to the Caribbean and South American waters: Piloted vessels, hired assistants, provided instruction, and served as dive master. Instructor at Kansas University at Lawrence Kansas for SCUBA classes.

RFD TELEVISION

Chief Financial Officer/Director of Engineering

**Omaha, NE
1989 –1991**

- Established computerized accounting system; handled legal accounts; managed accounts payable; established and monitored operating budgets; made Pro-forma statements for potential investors; hired production, engineering & operations staff.
- Designed and directed construction of station; Researched market, selected equipment; compiled/submitted budget and plan of operation; Functioned as contractor (locating subcontractors, negotiating contracts, & coordinated all work); completed project 18% under budget.

EDUCATION

1978 - B. S. Business Administration – Finance & Economics G.P.A. 3.25
Pittsburg State University, Pittsburg, KS.
National Fire Academy - Instructional Techniques for Officers
National Fire Academy - Incident Command System Training
FEMA Emergency Management Institute – NIMS Instructor
National Association of Underwater Instructors – Lifetime SCUBA/Rescue Instructor
State of Missouri Licensed Paramedic (EMT-P)
FAA Licensed Pilot

HONORS

1997 Firefighter of the year –Western Missouri
Dean's Honor Role Pittsburg State University
Omicron Delta Epsilon Honors
Honor Society for Economics
American Chemical Society Honors
Honor Society for Chemistry
1977 Outstanding Senior in Economics Department
South Metro Fire District Instructor of the year

MEMBERSHIPS

National Association of Underwater Instructors (NAUI) – Lifetime member
National Association of Search and Rescue (NASAR)
International Association of Dive Rescue Specialists (IADRS)
Missouri Emergency Medical Services Association (MEMSA)
Firefighters Association of Missouri