

# QUAD CITIES DISASTER READINESS CONFERENCE

**APRIL 7, 2016**

Location: Waterfront Convention Center  
2021 State Street  
Bettendorf, Iowa 52722

## **MORNING AGENDA:**

7:00-8:00am Registration

8:00-9:30am **Keynote Speaker:**

**Mark Barnes**, “93 Car Pile-up:

Logistics of An Accident”

9:30-10:00am **Break, Networking, &**

**Vendors**

10:00-11:00am **Breakout Session 1:**

1) **Bob Emery**,

“Highly Infectious Diseases”

2) **Kevin Bernard**,

“Continuity of Operations Plan”

3) **Jaeson Jones**,

“Mexican Cartels and Their  
Impact on the Midwest”

11:00-11:15am **Break, Networking, &**

**Vendors**

11:15-12:15pm **Breakout Session 2:**

1) **Bob Emery**,

“Highly Infectious Diseases”

2) **Kevin Bernard**,

“Continuity of Operations Plan”

3) **Jaeson Jones**,

“Mexican Cartels and Their  
Impact on the Midwest”

12:15-1:00pm **Lunch Provided**

**The Afternoon Agenda Begins At 1:00pm**



## **KEYNOTE SPEAKER:**

**Mark Barnes**, CFO, has completed his seventh year as a Fire Chief for Oshtemo Township in Kalamazoo County. His 40-year professional career has given him the opportunity to serve as a Fire Chief in Wisconsin and N. Carolina, finally returning to his home state of

Michigan in 2008.

Among other positions, he currently serves as the President of the Kalamazoo County Fire Chief Association, President of the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS) Division 3503, Vice-Chair of his county’s Hazardous Materials Team, Vice-Chair of Michigan’s Fifth District Homeland Security Planning Board, and as Fire Services Representative on a county-wide consolidated Dispatch Authority Board.

As a civilian, Chief Barnes is highly active in his local Rotary Club, acting as a Youth Exchange Officer, and as Club Secretary for six years. His deep commitment to community service through Rotary has given him the opportunity to spend a month in both Finland and Greece meeting with, and learning from, his fire and rescue service colleagues.

## **FEATURED SPEAKERS:**

**Dr. Robert Emery**, is Vice President for Safety, Health, Environment & Risk Management for The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston and Professor of Occupational Health at the University of Texas School of Public Health. Bob has over 30 years of experience in health & safety and possesses Master’s degrees in Health Physics and Environmental Sciences, and a Doctorate in Occupational Health. Bob holds the unique distinction of holding national board certification in all of the seven main areas of health & safety. He is a frequent presenter at the local, state, and national level.

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**Kevin Bernard**, Director of Safety and Emergency Management, Presence St. Joseph Medical Center, Joliet Il. Kevin Bernard is currently managing Multi-Tiered Emergency Services and Safety Compliance. Kevin has been in the Fire and EMS profession since 1982. Mr. Bernard initiated IDPH EMS resource level status for Morris Hospital in 2010. He has a Master's degree in Organizational Leadership with certifications or licensures in Emergency Planning and Management, Emergency Medical Services, Fire Service, Hazardous Materials Management including weapons of mass destruction, and Incident Command. Mr. Bernard holds his Paramedic and Lead Instructor license through IDPH. Kevin's work experience includes an understanding of, compliance with, and training in, standards of the Joint Commission (JCAHO), Healthcare Facilities Accreditation Program (HFAP), the Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA), the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), US Department of Homeland Security (DHS), and the National Incident Management System (NIMS).

**Seth Gardner** serves as the Division Disaster State Relations Director for the North Central Division of the American Red Cross, covering Idaho, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Illinois. He has worked in disaster management roles with both government and non-government organizations and at disaster sites around the United States, specializing in partnership and coordination. In his current role, Seth supports Red Cross regions in capacity building around their relationships with emergency management and voluntary agency partners.

Seth began his career in disaster management with Twin Cities-based NECHAMA – Jewish Response to Disaster, serving in multiple positions including Director of Operations and Interim Executive Director. After leaving NECHAMA, he worked for FEMA Region V in Individual Assistance as a Voluntary Agency Liaison, deploying to disaster operations including Hurricanes Sandy and Irene.

While representing NECHAMA, Seth was elected President of Minnesota Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD), the youngest State Chair in the history of the VOAD movement. As VOAD President, he led coordination between non-governmental organizations and government partners, including serving as the first Minnesota VOAD liaison to the Association of Minnesota Emergency Managers Board of Directors.

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## AFTERNOON AGENDA:

12:15-1:00pm **Lunch Provided**

1:00-4:00pm **Workshops and Panels**

1:00-3:00pm **Kevin Bernard,**

Continuity of Operation Plans

1:00-3:00pm **Bob Emery,**

**Public Health** Crisis

Communication Considerations

**Local Public Information**

**Officer Group,** Discussion

Panel

1:00-4:00pm **Linn Area Partners Active**

**In Disasters,**

Long Term Recovery Coalition

**Seth Gardner,**

“Comm. Recovery Red Cross”

## FEATURED SPEAKERS:

**Jaeson Jones**, is a Captain in the Intelligence and Counterterrorism Division of the Texas Department of Public Safety. Captain Jones manages daily operations for the Border Security Operations Center (BSOC) of the Texas Rangers, Human Intelligence (HUMINT) operations for the Intelligence division, and supervises all Post Seizure Analysis over (PSAT). He liaisons daily with law enforcement and members of the intelligence community in an effort to collaborate with all disciplines of the homeland security enterprise.

Capt. Jones is responsible for providing timely information and analysis necessary to prevent and protect against all threats. This includes providing analysis and Intelligence to the Texas Rangers, Criminal Investigations Division, Texas Highway Patrol, Aircraft Section, and State Emergency Management Division. Given his knowledge of Mexican Cartel operations and threats involving border security, Capt. Jones speaks frequently to executives within all disciplines of homeland security throughout the nation. His focus is on best practices for combating transnational threats and the spread of violent criminal networks.

Capt. Jones is a licensed Master Peace Officer with more than 23 years of law enforcement experience. He has supervised major drug squads in Laredo, Eagle Pass, and Del Rio, Texas. He also managed the Statewide Diversion Unit and from 2009 to 2012 was instrumental in developing and commanding the newly created State Intelligence Center, a 24/7 operation that has fifteen (15) local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies assigned. Capt. Jones spent many years stationed on the US/Mexico border in Brownsville, Laredo, and El Paso during the course of his career. Additionally, he reached the rank of squad leader managing Alpha Squad with Texas DPS SWAT.

Capt. Jones served as the Critical Incident Commander in the State Intelligence Center during both Fort Hood shootings, Austin IRS Echelon building attack, University of Texas active shooter incident, Odessa shooting involving four officers shot with over 1,200 rounds fired, Ranger Recon Mexican Cartel shooting, Murder of a Bexar County Sergeant, and the Bastrop County wildfire disaster.

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### **Linn Area Partners Active in Disaster (LAP-AID),**

is a coalition of organizations who seek to increase resilience and minimize the impact of emergencies and disasters on the people, property, environment and economy in Linn County, Iowa.

Originally, Linn Area Partners Active In Disaster formed in response to the flood of 2008 and was comprised of partnerships both new and old in order to re-mobilize collective resources to address the unmet needs of flood survivors living in disaster-impacted Linn County. Following that disaster, we continued to exist in an effort to strengthen and expand the network of response that was created to help individual organizations more effectively address their mission and service goals during all four phases of disaster.

Currently they share information, advocate for the most vulnerable, simplify access to service and jointly resolve disaster-caused human recovery needs.

### **APPROVALS:**

0.66 CEUs Approved for Illinois & Iowa Nurses IBON  
Approved Provider #8.

6.6 CEHs Approved for other Health Care Professionals.

### **For CONFERENCE REGISTRATION**

Go to <http://goo.gl/forms/kaKrk7Xdud>

**Attendees requiring CEUs/CEHs will be directed to a sign up page upon completion of the conference registration.**

**CEU ONLINE Registration (credit card)**

**Once at CEU/CEH Registration page**

**Select online registration**

**Enter section number 169766**

**Click Submit**

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### **DESCRIPTION:**

What happens when disaster occurs in your community? Participants in this full day event, will gain insight from experts in the field as they discuss lessons learned from actual events and response efforts. Presentations will provide firsthand information to first responders, support agencies, businesses and non-profits, community partners, and elected officials who will be responding, managing, and recovering from a large scale disaster. This program is a collaboration of the Scott County Health Care Coalition, Rock Island & Scott County Emergency Management Agencies, Rock Island & Scott County Health Departments, Genesis Health System, Unity Point Health - Trinity, the Rock Island Arsenal/Garrison, American Red Cross, Scott Emergency Communications Center, John Deere, Retired Seniors Volunteer Program (RSVP), Community Foundations of the Great River Bend, and Eastern Iowa Community Colleges.

### **OBJECTIVES:**

**By the end of the program, participants should be able to:**

1. Build community partnerships to support health preparedness, and be integrated into the jurisdictions' all-hazards emergency plans;
2. Identify and engage community partners in response to foster public health, medical and mental/behavioral health, in a community before, during, and after an incident;
3. Identify and engage community partners in response to foster resources development in a community before, during, and after an incident;
4. Determine risks to the health of the jurisdiction by identifying potential hazards, vulnerabilities, and risks in the community infrastructure;
5. Increase their knowledge and ability to work collaboratively to prepare for, withstand, and recover from public health incidents;
6. Coordinate training or guidance to ensure community engagement in preparedness efforts;
7. Develop, coordinate and disseminate information, alerts, warnings and notifications specific to incident type;
8. Notify and assemble key public information personnel to provide information to the public during and after an incident;
9. Identify businesses and non-for profits who serve the community, including vulnerable populations, and work together to plan, respond, and recover from disasters.

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Thursday April 7, 2016

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Program: 8:00 - 4:00pm

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