



2025 QUAD CITIES REGIONAL DISASTER CONFERENCE



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MARCH 25, 2025

8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

WATERFRONT CONVENTION CENTER

2021 State St, Bettendorf, IA 52722

Time:

Session:

7:00 AM - 8:00AM

Registration and Light Refreshments

8:00 AM - 8:15 AM

Opening Remarks

8:15 AM - 9:45 AM

Swine Flu, COVID, Lassa, Oh My! What's Next? Bird Flu or Worse?
Michael J. Hartley

9:45 AM - 10:00 AM

Networking and Vendor Break

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Crafting Capabilities for Mass Fatality Incidents
AJ Mumm

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Re-traumatization
Anne McNelis

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

Lunch
Lemon-lime cilantro chicken with wild rice and sliced Iowa pork with buttered lemon garlic green beans and roasted red potatoes.

1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

Active Threat Response: Lessons Learned from 1/4/24
AJ Seely

2:30 PM - 2:45 PM

Networking and Vendor Break

2:45 PM - 3:45 PM

Dead or Alive: Healthcare Must Manage Both
Troy Erbentraut and Jason Marks

Meet Our Speakers



MICHAEL HARTLEY

Former NRP, CCP, CHEC

Emergency Manager, UI Health Care - Retired

Mr. Michael Hartley retired as University of Iowa Health Care's Emergency Manager in 2021 after a 30-year career with the institution. As a member of the leadership team for the UI Special Pathogens Unit (SPU) from its inception in 2014 due to the Ebola outbreak, he served as its operations manager working with a multidisciplinary team in overseeing the design and construction of the unit, as well as the quarterly training of the unit's core team and conducting annual exercises.

At the onset of a recent SPU activation for the management of a Lassa Fever case, he was asked to return to UI and serve in a consulting role during the incident response and recovery.

Educated at the University of Iowa and Illinois Central College, he initially worked for a decade in prehospital care as a paramedic and Assistant Director until joining the UI Department of Emergency Medicine in 1992 as an instructor and research coordinator. In 2008, he was appointed as the institution's first emergency manager working under the Chief Operating Officer.



AJ MUMM

Director of Polk County Emergency Management Agency

A.J. Mumm is director of the Polk County Emergency Management Agency in Des Moines, Iowa. He has more than 25 years of crisis leadership experience at the local, state, national, and international levels. Mumm is also an adjunct instructor with Texas A&M's Emergency Services Training Institute and speaks regularly on the topic of emergency management.

Mumm, a graduate of Drake University and Iowa State University, is also an alumnus of the 2005 Greater Des Moines Leadership Institute's Transformational Leadership Program. He has taught as an Adjunct Instructor at Drake University, Des Moines Area Community College, and currently teaches with Texas A&M University's Emergency Services Training Institute (ESTI-TEEX).

He is a Certified Emergency Manager (CEM) through the International Association of Emergency Managers. Mumm has published and regularly speaks on the topics of hazard analysis and risk assessment, critical asset protection, and comprehensive emergency planning. A.J. is a recipient of the 2008 Iowa State Association of Counties' Individual Excellence Awards for Polk County's response to the severe weather and flooding of 2008. Mumm is a Past-President of the Iowa Emergency Management Association and serves as Past-Chair of the Board of Directors for the Safeguard Iowa Partnership; a public-private partnership focused on disaster preparedness, response, and recovery. He currently serves on the Iowa State Association of Counties Board of Directors.

Meet Our Speakers



ANNE MCNELIS

Co-CEO and Clinical Director, Transitions Mental Health Services

Anne McNelis is the Co-CEO and Clinical Director for Transitions Mental Health Services. As an Illinois LCSW, she has specialized in mental health for thirty years. She has extensive experience providing psychotherapy services to children, teens, families, and adults impacted by mental health issues. Anne has developed clinical programs in outpatient mental health settings while providing clinical supervision and administrative oversight to mental health professionals. From 2010-2023, she was an adjunct instructor for the St. Ambrose Social Work Department.

Anne co-created and co-facilitates the Quad Cities Trauma-Informed Care (QCTIC) Micro-Credential Program, sponsored by SAU and the QCTIC. Anne is a trauma-informed trainer & resiliency coach in the Quad Cities, and she's a congressional liaison for CTIPP (Campaign for Trauma-Informed Policy and Practice). Additionally, she serves on the Quad Cities Trauma-Informed Care Consortium Steering Committee and the St. Ambrose Institute for Person-Centered Care Steering Committee. Anne is a board member for Argrow's House, a local domestic violence organization serving women and children in the Quad Cities.

Anne has lived in the Quad Cities for over 27 years. She's married to her husband, Dr. Keith Frainey, who works in the mental health field as a psychologist. They enjoy spending quality family time with their daughter, Isla, 14 years old and their long-haired Chihuahua, Rex, 10 years old.



AJ SEELY

Director, Dallas County Emergency Management Agency

AJ Seely is currently the Dallas County Emergency Management Director where he has served since 2018. AJ served as the Emergency Management and 911 Director in Chickasaw County, Iowa, between 2017 and 2018. He holds an Associate's Degree in Fire Science and a Bachelor's Degree in Public Administration, majoring in Emergency Management. He is currently enrolled at the Naval Postgraduate School, where he is pursuing a Master's Degree in Security Studies. AJ served as the President of the Iowa Emergency Management Association (IEMA) between 2021 and 2024 and has a history of active involvement in state committees.

AJ has been involved in numerous local incidents and responsible for seven federally declared disasters since 2016 including; 2016 Flooding, 2017 Flooding, 2018 Severe Storms, Tornadoes, Straight-line Winds and Flooding, 2019 Severe Storms and Flooding, 2020 COVID-19 Pandemic and the 2020 Iowa Derecho, 2024 Severe Storms.

AJ is recognized as a graduate of the National Emergency Management Advanced Academy, named to the IAEM-USA 2024 40 under 40 list, an Iowa Certified Emergency Manager-Advanced and a Certified Emergency Manager (CEM) by the International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM).

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TROY ERBENTRAUT

Director, Emergency Services and Response for the Southeast Texas Regional Advisory Council

Troy Erbentraut has over 20 years of experience in emergency management and healthcare preparedness. He began his career in law enforcement, serving as a police officer for the City of Toluca, Illinois for 6 years. Looking to transition to HealthCare, Troy joined OSF HealthCare in 1999 and worked his way to the Director of Preparedness and Response. In this role, he developed emergency operation plans for OSF's 16 hospitals across Illinois and Michigan. Erbentraut also coordinated training and exercises to prepare staff for disasters and public health emergencies.

In 2023, Troy took on a new challenge as the Director of Emergency Services and Response for the Southeast Texas Regional Advisory Council (SETRAC). As part of one of the largest healthcare coalitions in Texas, Troy works collaboratively with hospitals, public health agencies, EMS, and other partners in a 25-county region. He provides guidance and support on emergency planning, response, recovery, and mitigation efforts throughout SETRAC.

Troy has successfully led emergency preparedness efforts for healthcare organizations of all sizes. His background in law enforcement gives him valuable insight into emergency operations, while his healthcare experience allows him to understand the unique needs of medical facilities. Troy's diverse experience makes him well-equipped to handle the complex emergency planning and response requirements of the healthcare coalition.



JASON MARKS

Director of Emergency Management and Preparedness, Peoria City/County Health Department and Peoria County, Illinois.

Jason Marks is Director of Emergency Management and Preparedness for the Peoria City/County Health Department and Peoria County, Illinois, overseeing readiness and all hazards preparedness. In addition to these duties, Jason is an instructor for the FEMA PER-410 Enhancing Planning, Preparedness, and Response to Pandemics and Other Large-Scale Public Health Emergencies. He also serves on the Central Illinois Coalition Active in Response Planning (CIL-CARP) Advisory Board, Tri-County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) Governance Committee, Peoria County Healthcare Preparedness Coalition, Tri-County Community Organizations Active in Disaster (COAD), Peoria County Emergency Management Council, Peoria Area Maritime Security Council, and Mapleton Community Advisory Panel.

Conference Objectives

After attending this conference, participants should be able to:

SWINE FLU, COVID, LASSA, OH MY! WHAT'S NEXT? BIRD FLU OR WORSE?

- Analyze the overall impact of the H1N1, Ebola, and COVID-19 outbreaks, examining the primary impacts on society, some glaring failures, and the key lessons that we learned.
- Examine the recent Lassa Fever case in Eastern Iowa identifying three key successes, three areas for improvement, and what we can do to be better prepared for a future event of this nature.
- Use lessons learned from past bio-emergency events to inform preparedness strategies for future outbreaks, putting specific focus on H5N1 and its potential to escalate into a global pandemic.

CRAFTING CAPABILITIES FOR MASS FATALITY INCIDENTS

- Achieve basic understanding of local emergency management purpose and structure.
- Explore the Comprehensive Emergency Plan (CEP) framework and development process.
- Unpack capabilities, activities, tasks, and resources required to successfully manage a mass fatalities incident.
- Discuss available resources and opportunities to access additional resources for expanding incidents involving multiple fatalities.

RE-TRAUMATIZATION

- Define the phenomenon of re-traumatization and learn how systems of care can re-traumatize clients/patients with histories of trauma.
- Identify examples of re-traumatization in healthcare settings.
- Explore the impact of re-traumatization on both clients and professionals.
- Identify steps that can reduce the potential for re-traumatization.

ACTIVE THREAT RESPONSE: LESSONS LEARNED FROM 1/4/24

- Provide an incident overview to give participants an understanding of the response entities involved and the challenges encountered.
- Understand challenges associated with patient transportation, patient distribution, and medical coordination.
- Review and assess community and workforce recovery challenges.

DEAD OR ALIVE: HEALTHCARE MUST MANAGE BOTH

- Expand capabilities, surge mortuary space, and nontraditional means.
- Establish a family assistance center (FAC) and Family Management Plans at the outset.
- Discuss development of a multidisciplinary mass fatality management plan that includes coordinating with the medicolegal authority.
- Discuss training and exercises to identify gaps and successes in your mass fatality incident plans.

Getting There + Where to Stay

Conference Venue

Quad-Cities Waterfront Convention Center
2021 State Street
Bettendorf, IA 52722

**The Quad-Cities
Waterfront
Convention Center
is connected via
skywalk to the Isle
Casino Hotel.**

Where to Stay

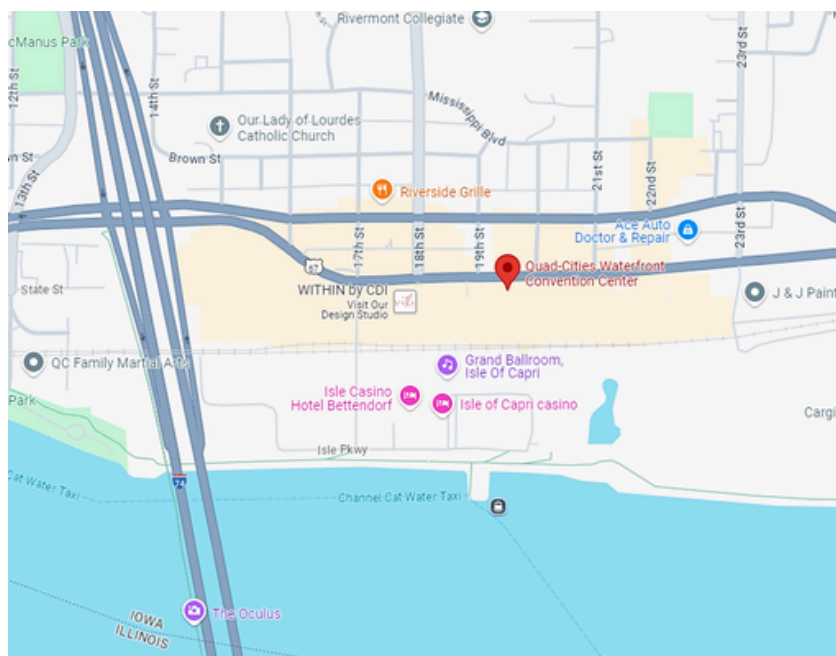
The Isle Casino Hotel
1777 Isle Parkway
Bettendorf, IA 52722

<https://www.caesars.com/isle-bettendorf>

Nearby Attractions

The Quad Cities is a bi-state community located on the bend of the Mississippi River. Explore restaurants, museums, special events, shopping districts, and other attractions that have become favorites among our visitors.

<https://visitquadcities.com/>



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