

Speaker & Professional title:

AJ Seely, Dallas County Emergency Manager

Speaker Biography:

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).