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Speaker & Professional title:

Dave Wilson, Johnson County Emergency Management

Speaker Biography:

Dave Wilson is presently the Director for the Johnson County Homeland Security & Emergency Management Agency. He serves as a policy board member and is the only original charter member for their consolidated 911 center. He is also the 911 Service Board Chairperson. Dave has held numerous committee roles over the years within Iowa Emergency Management Association (IEMA) and has served on the Iowa HSEMD Homeland Security Advisory Board to include a past president of IEMA. He holds credentials as an Iowa Advanced Certified Emergency Manager, a Federal Type 1 Operations Section Chief, Logistics Section Chief, and Communications Unit Leader. He is a certified Paramedic and an NFPA certified Firefighter 2. Dave began diving in 1998 and his agency operates the Johnson County Metro Dive Team. Dave began his public safety career as an EMT in 1986 at Southeastern Community College. Over his 37 years in public safety, he has held virtually every EMS certification. Dave has also taught Rescue and EMS courses for Kirkwood Community College as an adjunct instructor. He was a flight paramedic based at a level-2 trauma center for five years and has been the Johnson County EMA Coordinator for 16 years during nine Stafford Act disasters. He coordinates several special programs including drone, dive, and hazmat. Dave spent ten years as the team commander for Iowa's Federal NDMS DMAT team and on the Federal ESF 8 Type 1 Incident Management Team as an operations section chief responding to numerous Type 1 incidents including hurricanes, floods and the Haitian earthquake in 2010. Dave holds numerous emergency management credentials and is a hands on manager who is as comfortable in the field as in the Emergency Operations Center (EOC).