

# Weathering the Storm 2023 Conference Agenda

- 7:30am **Registration Open, Breakfast sponsored by Ameren Illinois, Visit with Vendors**
- 8:30 – 8:45 **Expo Hall Welcome & Introduction of Executive Committee** -Todd Carr
- 8:45 – 9:00 **Expo Hall Opening Demo:** Drone Program Demonstration by Gary Little
- 9:00 – 9:10 **Expo Hall Vendor Highlight:** Community Organizations Active in Disaster (COAD)- U of I Extension - Carrie Anne Eldridge
- 9:10 – 10:00 **Expo Hall Session #1: Puzzling Together a Natural Disaster Response-** Jennifer Rubin Evans, Team Rubicon
- 10:00 – 10:15 Break- Visit the Vendors and Exhibits
- 10:15 – 11:15 **Expo Hall Keynote Speaker Whole Community Planning and Partnerships-** Sameer Vohra, MD, JD, MA- Director Illinois Department of Public Health
- 11:15-11:30 **Vendor Highlight**
- 11:30 – 1:00 **Expo Hall Lunch by Crystals Catering**  
**Outside- Landing Zone Awareness Class and Demo-** AirEvac (Weather Permitting)  
**Expo Hall** Vendors, Exhibits, and Networking Breakout Sessions
- 1:00- 1:45 **Concurrent Session #2**
1. **(Earthquake) Cybersecurity - Where do I start?-** Tony Collings - Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Agency (CISA)
  2. **(Tornado) Armed Intruder/Active Shooter: Plan, Respond, & Survive the Unthinkable-** Brad Campbell & Dan Wilder – Sorensen, Wilder & Associates
  3. **(Derecho) EMDs we heard it before you saw it-** Tom Windland- Wayne County 911 Director
  4. **(Ice Storm) Eclipse Planning: Jackson County Health Department's Experience-** Bart Hagston - Jackson County Health Department Administrator
- 1:50 – 2:35 **Concurrent Session #3**
1. **(Earthquake) Dealing with Hazardous Weather: Before, During and After the Event-** Christine Wielgos – National Weather Service
  2. **(Tornado) The Essentials of Aggression Management in Healthcare: From Talk down to Take down** -Brad Campbell & Dan Wilder – Sorensen, Wilder & Associates
  3. **(Derecho) IDPH Lab Presentation-** Casey Dexter, MPH- Laboratory Outreach and Training Coordinator, Illinois Department of Public Health
  4. **(Ice Storm) Become an Amateur Radio Operator-** Bruce Tally- ITECS 11- Marion, Williamson County EMA Volunteer
- 2:35 – 3:10 Vendors, Exhibits, and Networking Breakout Sessions  
*Afternoon Snacks Sponsored by The Voyage Senior Living, Drinks Sponsored by Pepsi*
- 3:10 - 4:00 **Concurrent Session #4**
1. **(Earthquake) Covid, Complacency, and the Future of EMS-** Robert D. Hyman, MS, CCEMT-P, PNCCT,NRP – SSMHealth Good Samaritan Regional EMS System Coordinator
  2. **(Tornado) Are We Prepared for the New Normal?** - Scott Gauvin, IPEM, NEMEA - IEMA and Office of Homeland Security - Manager of Strategic Operations and Preparedness
  3. **(Derecho) Opioid Overdose Recognition and Training-** Brent VanHam, MS, RN, CRC, CADC & Mohammed Imran, M. Pharm, MHI, MHA- SIU School of Medicine
  4. **(Ice Storm) Decon Basics-** Lee French & Phil Pugh HOPE Coalition
- 4:00 – 4:30 **Expo Hall Special Closing and Awards-** Pick up Door Prizes before leaving!

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## 2023 Weathering the Storm Conference Speaker Topics and Objectives

TITLE OF PRESENTATION	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER	Session Objectives
<b>Puzzling Together a Natural Disaster Response</b>	This course will go into detail about how a natural disaster response can resemble a puzzle and the value each piece individually brings to the table. We will discuss the damage that can be done if a piece is missing or steps out of their lane while also discussing the benefits and unexpected accomplishments that can come from teamwork and a full puzzle.	Jennifer Rubin Evans - Team Rubicon volunteer, Firefighter/EMT, former police officer	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1- Students will understand the history, purpose, and capabilities of Team Rubicon and how Team Rubicon can assist them in serving their community during and after a natural disaster.</li> <li>2- Students will have a broader perspective on how a natural disaster response can resemble a puzzle and the value each piece brings to the table.</li> <li>3- Students will understand the damage that can be caused when the puzzle pieces don't work well together but equally understand the positive power that can come from teamwork, trust, and proactivity.</li> </ol>
<b>Essentials of Aggression Management</b>	The class uses the aggression continuum to teach learners how to anticipate, identify, understand and deescalate aggressive behavior. The course teaches learners how to safely and effectively deal with aggressive behavior in any setting.	Brad Campbell  Dan Wilder	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1- Outline how aggressive behavior impacts staff.</li> <li>2- Teach participants how to recognize aggressive behavior.</li> <li>3- Provide participants with safe and effective de-escalation techniques.</li> </ol>
<b>Armed Intruder/Active Shooter: Plan, Respond, &amp; Survive the Unthinkable</b>	Plan, Respond, & Survive the Unthinkable. Learn about Active Shooter Action Plans, Stress Control, Decision-Making Techniques, and learn about and understand the Safety Transition Adjustment Formula Protocol.	Brad Campbell  Dan Wilder	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1- Learn the Active Shooter Safety Action Plan</li> <li>2- Learn Stress Control &amp; Decision-Making Techniques</li> <li>3- Learn and understand the Safety Transition Adjustment Formula Protocol</li> </ol>
<b>Covid, Complacency, and the Future of EMS</b>	This presentation will analyze the EMS response to COVID-19, the evolution of EMS, and where EMS is going in the future.	Robert D. Hyman, MS, CCEMT-P, PNCCT, NRP	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1- Upon completion of this educational session the participant will be able to describe the EMS response to the COVID-19 pandemic.</li> <li>2- Upon completion of this educational session the participant will be able to understand the evolution of EMS through the pandemic.</li> <li>3- Upon completion of this educational session the participant will be knowledgeable of the challenges facing EMS in the future.</li> </ol>

<p><b>Opioid Overdose Recognition and Training</b></p>	<p>Giving people the information and abilities to spot and handle opioid overdoses has become crucial in the midst of the opioid crisis. The "Opioid Overdose and Recognition and Response Training" is a crucial course that equips learners with the knowledge and skills needed to recognize the warning symptoms of an opioid overdose.</p>	<p>Brent VanHam, MS, RN, CRC, CADC  Mohammed Imran, M. Pharm, MHI, MHA</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1- After completing the training, participants will have the information, self-assurance, and useful skills necessary to make a constructive contribution to their communities.</li> <li>2- The goal is to create a safer, better, informed society while also lowering the number of deaths.</li> <li>3- Provide education and awareness of the opioid crisis and response.</li> </ol>
<p><b>Cybersecurity - Where do I start?</b></p>	<p>Learn the basics for building a cybersecurity program. The session will include accessing free and low cost services from the federal and state governments.</p>	<p>Tony Collings, BS - Computer Management, PMP, CISSP, CCSP, CSSLP, CRISC, CCDPSE, CISA, CIPP, CIPT, NCSP, CCRP, CBCP, ITIL v4 Foundation</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Introduce attendees to cybersecurity</li> <li>2. Introduce attendees to federal and state services for cybersecurity</li> <li>3. Provide basic guidance / next steps for starting or maturing a cybersecurity program</li> </ol>
<p><b>Whole Community Planning and Partnerships</b></p>	<p>Keynote address discussing the relationship and importance of whole community planning and partnerships.</p>	<p>Sameer Vohra, MD, JD, MA</p>	<p>Keynote address by Sameer Vohra, MD, JD, MA, Director of Illinois Department of Public Health</p>
<p><b>Are We Prepared for the New Normal?</b></p>	<p>An in depth look at the current state of affairs of the community of practice of emergency management, the hazards we face, the new complex consequences our communities are experiencing and the status quo of emergency management.</p>	<p>Scott Gauvin, IPEM, NEMEA</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1- Increase the knowledge of the attendees concerning the current state of hazard profiles and complex consequences from increased and extreme events.</li> <li>2- Increase the knowledge of the attendees concerning tactics and strategies they should employ collectively in their jurisdictions to build true EM programs with a vast array of stakeholders to meet the demands of the new normal.</li> <li>3- Increase the awareness of audience regarding what the new normal actually looks like and how to determine its consequences for each community represented.</li> </ol>



<b>Eclipse Planning: Jackson County Health Department's Experience</b>	<p>Jackson County Health Department will share their experience planning for the impacts of the 2017 Great American Eclipse. Hear about their lessons learned that may be helpful as local health departments, public safety agencies &amp; healthcare facilities plan for the 2024 total solar eclipse.</p>	<p>Bart Hagston, Jackson County Health Department Administrator</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1- Participants will learn about the 2017 eclipse and the planning process undertaken by Jackson County Health Department and their community partners.</li> <li>2- Participants will learn the outcome of the planning process and hear about JCHD's operations around the 2017 eclipse.</li> <li>3- Participants will understand considerations they need to make as they plan for the impacts of the 2024 eclipse.</li> </ol>
<b>EMDs we heard it before you saw it.</b>	<p>We will discuss the role of an Emergency Medical Dispatcher (EMD) in Emergency Services. EMDs have the opportunity to provide potentially life saving instructions to callers.</p>	<p>Tom Windland, EMT, EMD, ADS, Lead Instructor, Wayne County 911 Director</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1- Discuss the role of an Emergency Medical Dispatcher in the EMS System.</li> <li>2- Discuss the responsibilities of an Emergency Medical Dispatcher.</li> <li>3- Discuss Mental Health concerns of an Emergency Medical Dispatcher.</li> </ol>
<b>Helicopter Landing Zone Safety</b>	<p>Proper identification and setup of approved Landing Zone for Rotor Aircraft.</p>	<p>Jessica Roberts, Jody Chaney, Derek Burwell</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1- Locating an approved landing zone</li> <li>2- Landing zone identification for incoming aircraft</li> <li>3- Safety and security of a landing zone</li> </ol>
<b>Dealing with Hazardous Weather: Before, During and After the Event</b>	<p>Discuss how to obtain the latest weather forecasts, understand what they mean and how to stay abreast of the changing conditions.</p>	<p>Christine Wielgos National Weather Service, Warning Coordination Meteorologist</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1- Review important weather terminology</li> <li>2- Understand how to prepare for a hazardous weather event</li> <li>3- Investigate ways to obtain the latest weather information</li> </ol>
<b>IDPH Lab Presentation</b>	<p>This presentation will cover an overview of IDPH lab services.</p>	<p>Casey Dexter, MPH</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1- Discuss the IDPH Labs Manual of Services</li> <li>2- Overview of Specimen Sampling procedures</li> <li>3- Review of the Electronic Test Ordering and Reporting Portal (ETOR).</li> <li>4- Discussion of proper specimen shipping procedures and methods.</li> <li>5- Discussion of the Laboratory Response Network (LRN).</li> </ol>

<p><b>Become an Amateur Radio Operator</b></p>	<p>This session explains some possible paths to becoming an Amateur Radio Operator. Additional information includes definition of and reasoning to become a licensed operator. Also included is fee information, beginning costs, when and where to get help, then onto the path of a lifetime.</p>	<p>Bruce Talley, ITECS-11 Marion, Williamson County EMA Volunteer</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1- Obtain a beginning Ham Radio License</li> <li>2- Study material suggested will fulfill the process of testing</li> <li>3- Suggested material may result in a license within a few days to several weeks, depending upon student study time.</li> </ol>
<p><b>Decon Basics</b></p>	<p>Basic information about Decon</p>	<p>Lee French, HOPE Coalition  Phil Pugh, HOPE Coalition</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1- Introduce participants to the basics of the Decontamination process.</li> <li>2- Introduce participants to the basics of a Decontamination program.</li> <li>3- Introduce participants to the basics of Decontamination language.</li> </ol>

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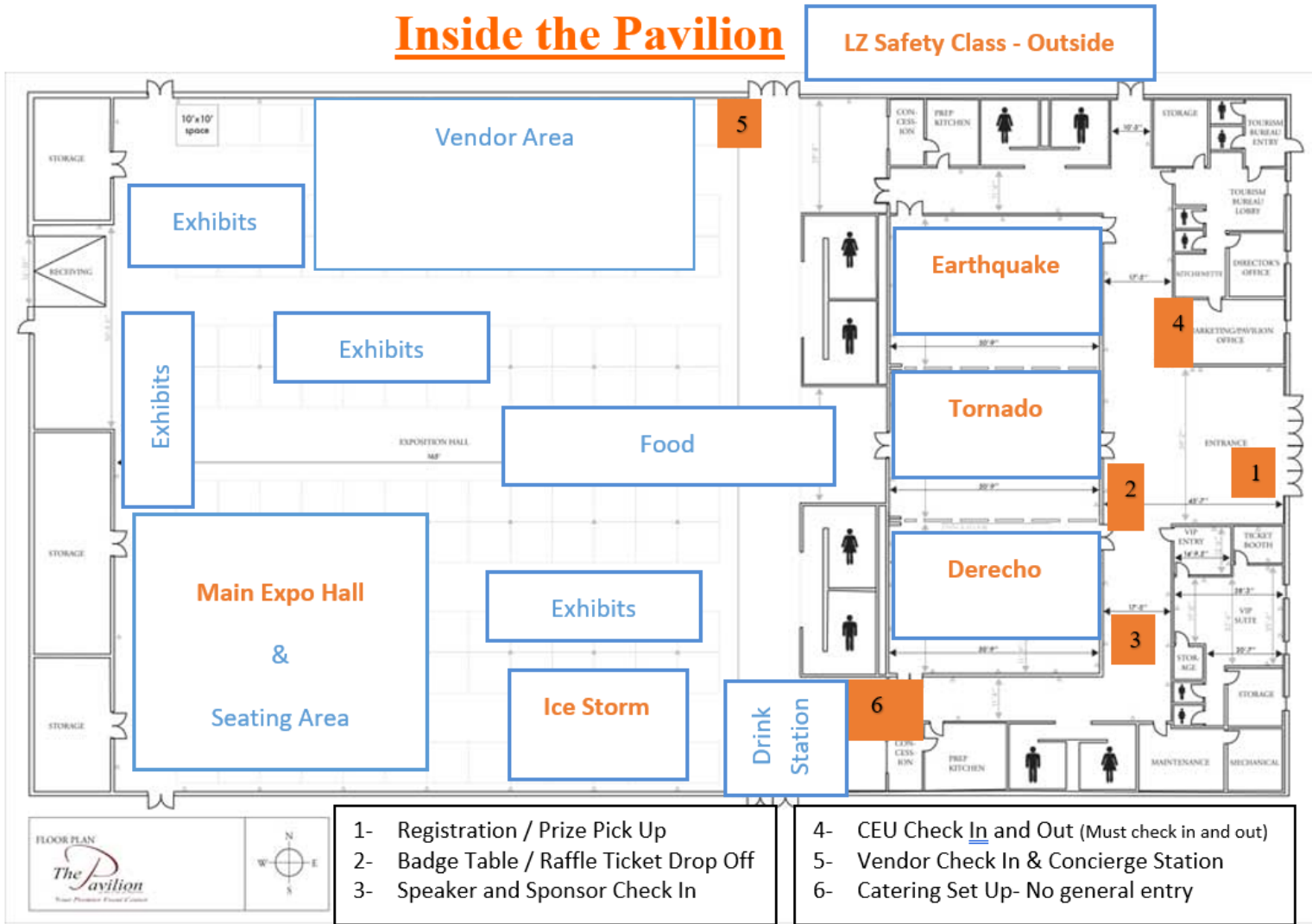


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# Inside the Pavilion

LZ Safety Class - Outside



Breakfast by Granny Puckett's will be available starting at 7:30 am in the Expo Hall- Sponsored by Ameren Illinois  
 Lunch by Crystal's Catering will be available starting at 11:30 in the Expo Hall  
 Snacks will be available in the afternoon- Snacks sponsored by The Voyage Senior Living  
 Drinks will be available ongoing through the day- Sponsored by SPARC and Pepsi MidAmerica

## Speaker Bios

**Sameer Vohra, MD, JD, MA- Director - Illinois Department of Public Health** Sameer Vohra, MD, JD, MA, was appointed as the director of the Illinois Department of Public Health, effective August 1, 2022, by Governor JB Pritzker.

Dr. Vohra is a general pediatrician who holds degrees in law and public policy. He is a cross-disciplinary leader in state and national health policy formulation, and his recent focus has been on improving health outcomes in Central and Southern Illinois. Prior to his appointment, Dr. Vohra was the Founding Chair of the Department of Population Science and Policy, a practicing primary care pediatrician, and an Associate Professor of Pediatrics, Public Health, Medical Humanities, and Law at the Southern Illinois University – School of Medicine (SIU-SOM) in Springfield, Illinois, where he also served the State of Illinois as the Interim Chair of the Children's Mental Health Partnership.

A graduate of the University of Chicago, where he earned a Master of Arts in public policy, Dr. Vohra completed his medical residency in pediatrics at the University of Chicago. He holds a medical doctorate from SIU-SOM; a juris doctorate from SIU School of Law graduating first in his class; and a Bachelor of Arts in political science and science in human culture with honors from Northwestern University.

Dr. Vohra previously served on the Illinois State Board of Health, the Illinois Medicaid Advisory Committee, the Governor's Rural Affairs Council, the Illinois COVID-19 Response Fund Steering Committee as well as national committees for the American Academy of Pediatrics, the Association of American Medical Colleges, the American Medical Association, and on the Board of Trustees for the Illinois State Medical Society and Chicago Medical Society.

He has received numerous honors including a United States Fulbright Scholarship in 2009, an American Medical Association Foundation's Excellence in Medicine Leadership Award in 2014 and was named an Edgar Fellow in 2016 as one of 40 emerging political and policy leaders in Illinois. In 2020, he was named a Presidential Leadership Scholar, chosen by the George W. Bush Presidential Center, the Clinton Presidential Center, the George and Barbara Bush Foundation, and the LBJ Foundation.

Dr. Vohra resides in Springfield with his wife, Tasnim, and two children.

**Dan Wilder** is the Vice-President of Operations of the Sorensen, Wilder team, having joined Sorensen, Wilder & Associates after earning his degree in Criminal Justice in 2006.

Dan is the product line leader for the Sorensen, Wilder & Associates Essentials of Aggression Management program, and has provided training in Long Term Care (LTC) facilities across the nation in recognizing and defusing aggressive behavior. Dan has also worked closely with clients to provide ongoing workplace violence and safety training and creating workplace violence programs. In addition, he has also provided Security Vulnerability Assessments for LTC facilities, hospitals, clinics, and physician's practices.

Dan holds a CVI – CSAT certification through the United States Department of Homeland Security. In addition to his role with Sorensen, Wilder & Associates, Dan is also a firefighter / EMT and a fire science instructor. He is also certified in CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design) and incorporates CPTED principles into all of the security vulnerability assessments he performs.

**Brad Campbell** Brad has more than 18 years of experience as a proven leader in Safety and Security. He is a Senior Security Consultant with SWA and has performed Security Vulnerability Assessments, policy reviews and taught Active Shooter and Aggression Management classes all over the United States. During his career, Brad has served as a correctional officer, hospital Security Manager, Environment of Care Committee Chairperson, Hospital Safety Officer, and Emergency Preparedness Coordinator. He graduated from Indiana State University in 2020 with a Master of Science in Occupational Safety Management.

Brad has served in various command and general staff positions during more than twenty exercises and real-world events. He works closely with local, state, and federal agencies and other community partners to conduct planning and emergency response activities. Brad is certified in security management, environment of care/life safety, and emergency management. He specializes in policy development, risk assessments, security vulnerability analysis, and hazard vulnerability analysis. He is a leader in the implementation of healthcare safety programs including workplace violence prevention, active shooter response, and verbal de-escalation training.



**Brent Van Ham, MS, RN, CDC, CADC**, holds a master's degree from Southern Illinois University in Rehabilitation Counseling and is a Certified Rehabilitation Counselor specializing in substance disorder prevention, treatment, and recovery. He is also a Registered Nurse with many years of experience in multiple clinical settings.

**Imran Mohammed, M. Pharm, MHI, MHA** Imran Mohammed has more than 4 years of professional experience in pharmaceutical sales, and is currently working as a research assistant at the Center for Rural Health and Social Service Development with the SIU School of Medicine. He holds a Master's Degree in both Pharmacology and Health Informatics.

**Casey Dexter, MPH** works for IDPH as the Laboratory Outreach and Healthcare-associated Infections and Antimicrobial Resistance Training Coordinator. She has over ten years of experience in the infectious disease world, including vector surveillance, STI testing and transmission, and highly infectious disease detection, prevention, and treatment. She received her bachelor's degree in Public Health and Health Education and has earned her master's in Public Health and Biosecurity and Disaster Preparedness. She is extremely passionate about infectious diseases as well as educating others about their potential impact on our community.

**Jennifer Rubin Evans - Team Rubicon volunteer, Firefighter/EMT, Former Police Officer-** Jennifer Rubin Evans has been a volunteer with Team Rubicon for the last five years. Throughout her time, she has served on multiple tornado deployments and has been on the ground of natural disasters as an emergency responder, as well. Jennifer has seen natural disaster response from a multitude of perspectives and has seen first-hand the power of all disciplines working together.

**Scott Gauvin, IPEM, NEMEA** Scott Gauvin serves the state of Illinois and the Illinois Emergency Management Agency and Office of Homeland Security as the Manager of Strategic Operations and Preparedness. Mr. Gauvin's career spans over twenty years in the emergency management field of practice. During this time, he has served as the Manager of the Illinois SEOC, working with Federal and International emergency management programs to adopt the Emergency Management Standard. Mr. Gauvin has managed numerous state and federal disasters and been deployed out of state to respond as well. Mr. Gauvin holds an IPEM certification from the state of Illinois and is a proud graduate of the FEMA National Emergency Management Executive Academy.

**Christine Wielgos** Christine Wielgos is the Warning Coordination Meteorologist at the National Weather Service in Paducah KY. She received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Meteorology from Northern Illinois University. She has worked with the National Weather Service in Paducah KY since March 2000. As Warning Coordination Meteorologist, Christine's responsibilities include ensuring consistency and integrity of National Weather Service products and services, conducting safety and preparedness programs throughout the area, leading education and training courses for partners and the public, as well as occasionally working the forecast and warning operations desks.

**Tony Collings** is the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) Region 5 Cybersecurity State Coordinator (CSC) for Illinois. CISA protects the Nation's critical infrastructure from cyber and physical threats by working with partners to defend against today's threats and collaborating to build more secure and resilient infrastructure for the future. Tony brings 38 years of information technology experience to the CSC position including seven years of cybersecurity experience. Prior to joining CISA, Tony served the state of Illinois as a Deputy Chief Information Security Officer at the Department of Innovation and Technology (DOIT), where he played a key role in the development and maturation of the state's cybersecurity program. Tony has worked for state government for much of his career, including positions at Central Management Services, Illinois State Police, Illinois Department of Corrections, and the Administrative Office of Illinois Courts. Tony has also worked in the energy sector of critical infrastructure.

Tony earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Eastern Illinois University, majoring in Computer Management. A lifetime learner, he has obtained several certifications in Cybersecurity, Cloud Security, Privacy, and Project Management. Tony resides in Springfield, Illinois.

**Bart Hagston** has been with Jackson County Health Department for 24 years, working in the environmental health & emergency preparedness arena. He has served as Administrator since 2019. He served as the Department's Planning Section Chief for the year leading up to the 2017 eclipse, then served as the Incident Commander in the operational periods around the event.

**Tom Windland** currently serves as the 911 Director in Wayne County. Tom is an active EMT, and teaches various public safety courses through the Illinois Eastern Community Colleges.

**Robert D. Hyman, MS, CCEMT-P, PNCCT,NRP** Robert has been a nationally registered paramedic since 1994 and has served as the EMS System Coordinator for the Good Samaritan Regional EMS System since 2003. He holds a MS degree in Biosecurity and Disaster Preparedness from Saint Louis University. He is also the program director and paramedic instructor for Rend Lake College.

**Bruce Tally** began his career on the family farm. In 1957, he began volunteer work for Williamson County EMA, later specializing in under water rescue/recovery, and in 1967 started as a volunteer FF and emergency response person for Carterville. He and another became the first EMTs in Carterville. He earned a BS degree at SIU, and then became a power lineman in Vietnam. He joined Central Illinois Public Service as a Distribution Engineer, later becoming the Metering Engineer for Ameren Illinois. Near the end of his 33 year tenure with Ameren, he then became Fire Chief for Carterville, with intention of fully retiring within a year. Unfortunately a terrible event happened on September 11, 2001. The fire service quickly moved to terrorism, and othe one year of intended duty became 15. Several years later, Bruce rejoined Ameren for a special detail. Simultaneous occupations included Haz Mat Mitigation for a private company and nationwide teaching of grounding, bonding, and communication line protection. Bruce also rode his mountain bicycle solo, across America, arriving in Laguna Beach, California on his 70<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Hobbies include SCUBA, fishing, hunting, photography, aviation, sailing, cycling, experimental aircraft, rotorcraft, and mountaineering.

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