

Saturday – All Day

7 Hours

Preparing For The Big One

Throughout one's career, you encounter many different responses from something so small that your single engine company can handle, to events that last days and weeks, spread out over many jurisdictions on a local, state, and even a federal level. Preparing for these large events and incidents takes many hours of training and experience. Everyone trains and prepares for "routine" high risk/high frequency responses. It's the high risk/low frequency things that will eventually cause departments problems. Not only should you concentrate on preparedness and the initial response, but managing the weeks and months of recovery that must happen for all involved in the wake of such incidents. With the growing concern for Fire and EMS involvement in Active Aggressor Situations that has a direct affiliation with MASS Casualty, we will discuss preparation that is currently taking place with Law Enforcement to ensure a safe, unified response to these types of events. You must take a hard look at the potential issues not only within your jurisdiction's boundaries, but your neighbors as well. This presentation will look at specific examples of large events and incidents and where both mental and physical preparation has led to successful outcomes.

Instructor – Jody Meiman

Jody Meiman has over 28 years of experience in local emergency preparedness and response. He currently serves as Executive Director for Louisville Metro Emergency Services which involves Louisville Metro EMS, MetroSafe (911 Call Center), 311, Emergency Management, and Special Events. He holds an Associate Degree in Fire and Safety Technology and retired as a Battalion Chief with the Louisville Division of Fire and Rescue after 20 years of service. He also retired from Lake Dreamland Volunteer Fire Department in southwest Jefferson County as an Assistant Chief. Jody is a Certified Emergency Medical Technician. He has participated and served as an "on-scene" Incident Commander" during several complex hazardous material incidents and specialized rescue responses and is the Emergency Operations Center Manager during many of the large special events that take place in Louisville including Thunder Over Louisville, and all other events that involve the Kentucky Derby Festival. He worked and was a lead instructor for over 15 years with Industrial Safety and Training Services (ISTS) conducting environmental, health and safety training across the United States. Through his travel he performed course development at all levels of competency for Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) hazardous materials and Homeland Security training initiatives including Emergency Response to Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and Explosive (CBRNE) Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD), and Response to Terrorism. He routinely serves as an exercise evaluator for the Homeland Security Exercise Evaluation Program initiative during drills, functional and full-scale exercises and consults and trains with other state, local and private sector clients on National Incident Management System (NIMS) compliance, National Response Framework components, and Emergency Management Protocols to ensure coordinated relationships among response organizations and industries to promote sound preparedness, response, recovery and mitigation practices.