

**Friday – Morning  
4 Hours**

# **Extreme Weather and Wildlife Incidents Are In Your Future:**

## **If You Ain't Sweatin It, You Ain't Paying Attention**

According to governmental and academic institutions, the number and severity of weather-related incidents (wildfires, flooding, and extreme heat events) will continue to grow in close repetition and intensity. Departments must re-tool the way it prepares for and responds to these historic weather patterns. This 4-hour session will address weather and operational needs to ensure responder safety, community protection, and agency longevity. Topics covered:

- Know Your Weather
- Playing Outside the Box with New Friends
- Developing Community-Wide Plans for Vulnerable Populations
- Training Responders for Extreme Survival
- Commanding Long-Term Extreme Weather Incidents
- Rethinking Business as Usual: Infrastructure and Operational Changes

### **Instructor – Frank Montes de Oca**

Frank Montes de Oca served as a firefighter/paramedic, senior field command officer, chief training officer, and chief of EMS over a 38-year career. He is a guest lecturer throughout the Southeast and served as fire chief in Springfield, Ohio and Osceola County, Florida, and Emergency Services Director in Orange County, North Carolina. Frank is a member of the Georgia State Firefighters Association, Kentucky Firefighters Association, and a lifetime member of the North Carolina Association of Fire Chiefs. Throughout his career he has been active in training, managing and developing firefighter safety and survival programs, and leadership initiatives. Chief Montes de Oca is an adjunct instructor for the National Fire Academy and qualified to present training programs for OSHA and the EPA and a frequent contributor to fire rescue publications.