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Sally Abbott has been a nurse for over 30 years and doing state level healthcare disaster preparedness for nine years. She serves as the Medical Surge Coordinator in Washington state, working to engage healthcare partners, including hospitals, community health centers, tribal health clinics, EMS, and Public Health in planning for disaster response. She has been a member of incident management teams, both here and in Alaska, for exercises and real life responses. She served as the Incident Commander for the Alaska response to pandemic influenza. Her clinical practice experience includes home care, hospice, school nursing, and occupational health.

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Dr. Armijo is the Principal at Disaster Preparedness U.S.A. (www.DisasterPrepUSA.com) She has 20 years of government contracting experience. Her emergency management background includes managing government, private and non-profit contracts, HSEEP and full-scale exercise planning. She has various FEMA certifications, is a member of the national preparedness coalition and is a Six-Sigma Value Stream Champion. She is a recognized “preferred professor” at a California Community College. While a fire department administrator, she built a county CERT program that grew from four classes annually to over twenty-five. She has served as a liaison to various State Departments such as the Department of Homeland Security, Department of Public Health, Office of Emergency Services, Citizen Corps, County Supervisors, and City Managers. Dr. Armijo is passionate about her work, and strives to facilitate social change for the greater good of society through her networks.

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Daniel (Dan) Banks is an Emergency Management Supervisor with the Washington State Department of Health, Office of Emergency Preparedness and Response. In his position at Department of Health, he manages the Department of Health's Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan, the Department's Agency Coordination Center, and the Emergency Support Function 8 (Public Health and Medical) for Washington State. Previously as the department's Emergency Exercise Coordinator, he led the development of numerous State-Level Public Health Emergency Response Exercises. Before coming to the Department of Health, Dan served with the Washington State Military Department's Emergency Management Division as a program coordinator, and served for over 21 years in the United States Air Force, where he performed planning duties at the Strategic, Operational, and Tactical level as well as serving as an aircrew member. Dan has over 30 years' experience in emergency response operations, planning, and exercising at the Federal, and State level. He holds a BA in Political Science and Geography from the University of Washington, and a MA in International Relations from California State University-Stanislaus.

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Prior to her career in the field of emergency management, Suzanne was a news reporter, anchor, and media relations spokesperson. Since then, she has worked in the field of emergency management and business continuity for over 16 years, having worked for both the Canadian and Ontario governments, and the United Nations Headquarters.

Suzanne is an award-winning and internationally-recognized expert in emergency management and is a regular guest speaker and panelist at conferences across the U.S., Canada and Europe.

In 2012, Suzanne started her own consulting company, helping organizations plan for and respond to emergencies. She is a part-time instructor at George Brown College's School of Emergency Management and the Justice Institute of British Columbia, and is one of only a handful of emergency management professionals with CEM (Certified Emergency Manager), CBCP (Certified Business Continuity Professional) and MBCI (Member of the Business Continuity Institute) designations.

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Tamra is a Branch Chief for the Risk Analysis Branch in Mitigation in Bothell, Washington. Tamra is an Agency expert in relation to the National Earthquake Hazard Reduction Program (NEHRP) to coordinate with International, State, Regional and local government agencies and Federal Partners (i.e. NSF, NOAA, NIST, and USGS) to assess and reduce the impacts of earthquakes and secondary hazards. Tamra serves as a subject matter expert for NEHRP on complex or technical issues related to rules, rights, regulations, policies, procedures, programs and services to answer questions, resolve problems, and communicate effectively to a wide knowledge base.

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Jason is a program manager for the Snohomish County Department of Emergency Management. His responsibilities include coordinating the county's mitigation, recovery, and training and exercise programs. He also represents Snohomish County on the Regional Catastrophic Planning Team (RCPT) and the Washington Coalition of Recovery Planners; sits on the advisory board and teaches part-time for the Edmonds Community College's emergency management program; and is a member of the United States Army Reserve. Before joining the Snohomish County team, he spent five years with Teton County, Wyoming; first as the county health department's response planner, then as the emergency management coordinator. Jason has also served as a firefighter in the Austin, TX Fire Department's special operations battalion, specializing in hazardous materials/WMD response and all types of technical rescue.

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Allyson Brooks is the State Historic Preservation Officer and the Executive Director of the Dept. of Archaeology and Historic Preservation. Prior to coming to Washington State, Dr. Brooks was the historian and historic archaeologist for the Minnesota Department of Transportation (Mn/DOT). She was responsible for determining the impacts of transportation projects on cultural resources, and was the project manager for Mn/Model, a statewide GIS based archaeological predictive modeling system that was the first of its kind in the nation.

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Casey Broom is the Recovery Coordinator with Pierce County Department of Emergency Management. She has been with the Department since December of 2012 and before that she was with the Washington Military Department Emergency Management Division for 6 years. Among other work assignments, she is the lead for updating the Pierce County Long Term Disaster Recovery Plan.

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Ted Buehner is the Warning Coordination Meteorologist for the National Weather Service (NWS) in Seattle, a key customer liaison position. He works toward enhancing the “end-to-end” forecast and warning system and decision support services by more closely tying the agency’s mission of protecting lives and property, and enhancing the region’s economy, with its customers and partners, such as the emergency management community, the media, and the marine community. Ted has been with the NWS since 1977, this position being his third tour of duty in Seattle. Ted also served one year in Boise as a forecaster, six years in Portland as a Lead Forecaster, and two years at the NWS Western Region Headquarters in Salt Lake City as the Western U.S. marine, public, and aviation program manager. Ted has a Bachelors of Science degree in Atmospheric Sciences from Oregon State University. Go Beavs!

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Michael Buschmohle, President of Applause Associates for the past 32 years, trains people around the world to communicate confidently. He was chosen by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to train emergency preparedness leaders throughout the country to deliver emergency presentations—and has worked with emergency managers in Michigan, Minnesota, Colorado, and California. Former hospital HR specialist in Berkeley, California, he conducted disaster preparedness for his hospital and the city of Berkeley for eight years. Author, book editor, artist, cartoonist, speech writer, media coach, and communications trainer in nine countries (including 12 years teaching in China), he is also a former Roman Catholic priest.

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Frank Castro-Wehr supports local communities, non-profit organizations and private enterprises with their emergency management and business continuity efforts. He has worked with the Witt O'Brien's team for the last eight years, and was a response team consultant on an US EPA contract 17 years. His skills involve organizing entities and people to support their successful preparedness, enhancing organizations' response, continuity and recovery efficiencies, and providing training that promotes integration of ideas.

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Mr. Frank A. Ciaccio is a Forensic Anthropologist and Subject Matter Expert in Mass Fatality Planning and Management. Frank has over 22 years of experience in law enforcement, forensic investigations and working multiple mass fatality disasters both domestic and international.

Frank has worked mass fatality events both in the public and private sector. He is currently The Mass Fatality Advisor to BCFS Department of Health and Human Services in the Emergency Management Division. He was the former Manager of Forensic Investigations for the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) in Washington, DC. During his tenure at the Safety Board he was responsible for developing the federal protocols and procedures used by the NTSB in managing mass fatality incidents following a transportation accident. He was responsible for the recovery and identification of victims and in coordinating federal assets and integrating them with the local and state resources following an aviation crash or other modes of transportation accidents involving a large number of fatalities. Mr. Ciaccio has worked multiple high profile crashes for the NTSB including TWA flight 800 in 1996, Swiss Air flight 111 in 1998, Egypt Air flight 990 in 1999, Payne Stewart Plane Crash in 1999, American Airlines flight 587 in 2001, and NASA Space Shuttle accident in 2003. In addition, Mr. Ciaccio has worked other modes of transportation accidents in highway, railroad, marine and pipeline.

During his time in the private sector, Mr. Ciaccio has worked for an international disaster management company responsible for managing the recovery of human remains, family assistance and the collection and return of personal effects following a disaster. He has managed multiple projects for government agencies in mass fatality planning and training, emergency response planning and has developed and facilitated multiple emergency exercises and drills. His role as Senior Incident Director was responsible for managing teams of forensic professionals deployed in working the disaster. Mr. Ciaccio was responsible for the recovery operations in Thailand following the Asian Tsunami of 2004, Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans in 2005 and most recently the Earthquake in Haiti in 2010. In addition, Mr. Ciaccio has been involved in multiple humanitarian projects in Africa for the United Nations working on the recovery of victims in Angola following two United Nation plane crashes as well as being the project manager for overseeing the deployment of the portable morgue and logistics equipment for the coroner's office in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Ciaccio is an internationally recognized speaker on mass fatality events, injury and trauma to human bones following high speed impact crashes and forensic investigations and protocols. He has lectured at numerous conferences, universities and has authored several chapters in forensic books and articles in

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Mr. Ciaccio holds a BS in Biology and Physical Anthropology and a MS in Forensic Anthropology from the University of New Mexico. He is a Fellow- American Academy of Forensic Science, Diplomat- American Board of Medicolegal Death Investigators and the former U.S. Representative to INTERPOL from 1999-2003.

Most Relevant Experience

- Conducted over 50 Crisis Management and Training programs for government agencies, airlines and private corporations.
- Deployed to over 75 Mass Fatality (Disaster) incidents and events worldwide and have held several senior positions in those disasters overseeing the operations.
- Completed 17 Business Continuity Plans for State governments.
- Completed 16 after action reports for for multiple government agencies, airlines and private corporations.
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Linda Crerar is an experienced business and government executive with more than 35 years of experience in the government and business. She has extensive background working with intern and service learning programs as the state's first Director of its Center for Voluntary Action. Over the past 10 years she has worked to develop strategies to help build capacity in the public, private and civic sectors to increase disaster resilience. In 2010, Linda became the Program Coordinator and served as faculty with the Pierce College Homeland Security-Emergency Management (HSEM) Program. This past year she became the Director for the Center of MA ABS from Whitworth College in Spokane.

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Lacey has over a decade of experience working in emergency management, and brings a unique experience and expertise from her varied career. Currently working for an organization development firm, Lacey is working to tackle emergency management challenges with a new perspective. Prior to working in organization development, Lacey served as the Emergency Management Director for the University of Colorado, Boulder where she was responsible for facilitating and overseeing all aspects of the campus emergency management program. Before her time with the Boulder campus, she served as the Situation Unit Leader for the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) National Incident Management Assistance Team (West). Prior to joining FEMA, Lacey worked for the City of Bellevue and the King County Office of Emergency Management. She earned her bachelor degree in emergency management from the University of North Texas and will graduate with Masters in Organization Development from Pepperdine University this summer.

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Jan Decker is a certified ISO trainer and is a certified ISO 22301 Business Continuity Management System (BCMS) Lead Implementer and Lead Auditor and works with organizations, both public and private, with their emergency management, crisis management and business continuity/continuity of operations programs. Recent projects include: World Vision US, Tulane University, the City of Puyallup, Dunkin & Bush, ContinuityLink (ISO certification training), and individual coaching for crisis communications. Jan Decker, Crisis Management Consulting, Sumner, WA.

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Mark Eberlein was assigned to Region 10, U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) as the Regional Environmental Officer in 1999. His primary responsibility is to provide guidance to the Regional and Division Directors on compliance of their programs with the various environmental and historic laws and regulations. Additionally, he provides technical assistance and outreach to the various FEMA project officers, other Federal agencies, State agencies and local communities on FEMA's environmental responsibilities.

FEMA hired Mr. Eberlein as a Disaster Assistance Employee in 1994. He initially worked in the Mitigation Division, Region 10, evaluating Hazard Mitigation Grant Program projects for eligibility and writing Environmental Assessments as required by the National Environmental Policy Act. During Presidential declared disasters, Mr. Eberlein worked operations for the Mitigation Division – coordinating, collecting and disseminating hazard mitigation information to various stakeholders. From 1996 to 1999, he provided technical assistance on floodplain management to Oregon communities while assigned as a specialist with the National Flood Insurance Program.

Prior to his work with FEMA, Mr. Eberlein was assigned as a Tank Corps officer in the United States Army. His duties included battle operations, tactical, logistical and administrative planning, and particularly, soldier and leadership development. He served tours in Fort Carson, Colorado; Mannheim, Germany and Fort Knox, Kentucky.

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Jason D. Esper, has a B.S. degree in Communications and 20 years in Emergency Management Planning, Preparedness, Training, Exercises, and Operations. He spent over 10 years as a first responder in PA, five of those years as Fire/Rescue Chief. Mr. Esper has extensive experience responding to and recovering from numerous emergencies and disasters. In addition to real world response, Mr. Esper has provided Project Management, staff support, development, lead facilitation, and evaluation for over 175 tabletop, functional, and full-scale exercises to date for a variety of governmental and private clients. Mr. Esper was chosen as an exercise lead by DHS for the National Exercise Program (NEP) and Tactical Interoperable Communications Plan (TICP) exercises throughout the United States. He has gained strong communication, computer software, administrative, project management, community planning and meeting coordination skills through the conduct of these planning, training, and exercise projects and programs. He has developed grant proposals with client jurisdictions, so he has an understanding of current federal and DHS WMD programs, policies, procedures, and grant initiatives.

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Robert Ezelle was appointed Director of the Washington Military Department's Emergency Management Division (EMD) on April 1, 2013 by the Departments' Adjutant General, Major General Bret Daugherty. Robert joined the Division in October 2010 as the Homeland Security Section Manager and in May 2011, management of the State's E-911 section was added to his portfolio. Prior to joining Emergency Management, Robert spent nearly 17 years in the Washington Air National Guard, most recently as Vice Commander of the Western Air Defense Sector. Prior to the National Guard he spent 13 years as a fighter pilot, pilot trainer and operations officer in the U.S. Air Force. Robert's strategic vision for the Emergency Management Division includes facilitating closer collaboration between the EMD team and stakeholders statewide to better prepare for a catastrophic event such as a Cascadia Subduction Zone earthquake.

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Natasha Fedo is a Manager at BERK and is a skilled strategic planner, policy analyst, and facilitator. Her practice focuses on strategic and business planning, facilitation, financial modeling, process management, and information design.

Natasha is currently serving as Senior Analyst and Facilitator for the City of Seattle Disaster Recovery Plan and Lead Analyst and Information Designer for development of User Guides for the Puget Sound Regional Catastrophic Disaster Coordination Plan & Annexes. She recently worked with the Municipal Research and Services Center to develop a strategic plan for the organization, facilitating Board member meetings and coordinating large workgroup meetings.

Natasha graduated with honors from the University of Alaska at Fairbanks, and also holds a graduate certificate in GIS from the University of Washington. Born in the Ukraine and raised in Siberia, Natasha is fluent in both Ukrainian and Russian.

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Joan Gomberg is a research geophysicist with the US Geological Survey (USGS), specializing in earthquake seismology for the National Earthquake Hazard Reduction Program (NEHRP) in the Pacific Northwest. Her research focuses on earthquake interactions and fault slip. She leads and participates in education and outreach activities, is a member of the Cascadia Regional Earthquake Working Group and the Contingency Planning and Recovery Management Group, and collaborates with emergency management agencies. Joan serves as an Associate Editor of the Journal of Geophysical Research, is a Fellow of the American Geophysical Union, and a member of the Seismological Society of America. She is an affiliate professor at the University of Washington, Seattle. Prior to moving to Seattle in 2006, Joan worked for 12 years in the USGS's office in Memphis, Tennessee. She received her PhD in geophysics from University of California, San Diego and her BS from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

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Ms. Gramer, currently serves as Co-Chair of the Seattle Commission for People with disAbilities, as well as on the board of Abused Deaf Women's Advocacy Services. Laura previously worked as an occupational therapist in Chicago. While in Illinois, Ms. Gramer served on the Universal Access Commission, the Open Doors Organization, the Illinois Occupational Therapy Association, and the Progress Center for Independent Living. Ms. Gramer has engaged in substantial public speaking and lecturing on deafness, disability, and occupational therapy. Ms. Gramer has consistently worked to bridge the deaf and deaf-blind communities to the larger disability rights. As a member of the Commission's Public Safety Committee, Laura has participated in exercise and training planning, City departmental meetings on Whole Community, and other advocacy and educational activities around Whole Community and Universal Design.

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Marty Grisham is the Emergency Manager with the City of Tukwila. Marty has been in the fire service for over 34 years, and began his role as Emergency Manager during the Green River Flood threats. Marty and his wife of 40 years, are the proud parents of six children and six grandchildren.

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Alisha Griswold is an emergency manager currently working with the Port of Seattle as a training and exercise specialist. In addition to her work with the Port, Ms. Griswold is a nationally recognized trainer and disaster technologist, who has served in a variety of leadership positions, including her current role as Founder and Chair of the Emerging Technology Caucus for the International Association of Emergency Managers. Alisha is a vocal proponent for inclusive preparedness strategies, evidence-based practices, and transparency in government.

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Brad Halstead has worked in the state Department of Health for 23 years. The last five years have been with the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Program where his primary responsibilities have been in contracts, accounting and federal compliance. Brad also served as the Department of Health Duty Officer (24/7 on call status) during Fukushima, the H1N1 outbreak and various exercises as well as having worked as both support and lead staff in the Department of Emergency Management Emergency Operations Center Emergency Services Function 8 (Health) desk for two exercises.

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Sandy Johnson has been captivated by emergency management since experiencing her first presidentially declared disaster in 1997. From that day forward she has worked to improve regional response and recovery capabilities through collaboration, training and exercise. Sandy served nine years as the Emergency Management Coordinator for Jackson County, Oregon and has been in her current position as an Emergency Management Coordinator with Thurston County, Washington for seven years. Sandy is also a founding member of the Homeland Security Region 3 Type 3 Incident Management Team, currently serving as a Planning Section Chief and Operations Committee representative.

In the spring of 2008, Sandy was named the Resource Management and Logistics project lead for the eight-county Puget Sound catastrophic planning region. Under her leadership, the region's logistics experts developed a Tool Kit containing plans, procedures and job aids to help all levels of government and the private sector work together to find and manage resources following disaster.

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Lise Kaye is Program Manager for the eight-county Puget Sound Regional Catastrophic Preparedness Grant Program (RCPGP). Lise is responsible for administering over \$8 million in FEMA RCPGP funds, staffing the multi-agency Regional Catastrophic Planning Team, supporting project leads, and developing a Coordination Plan and a Transportation Recovery Annex for the Puget Sound region. Lise has over 20 years' public and private sector experience in public policy, government relations and strategic planning. In addition to developing the Puget Sound Regional Catastrophic Preparedness program, Lise has worked on a number of sensitive policy negotiations, including rapid transit policies, countywide planning policies and agency mergers and reforms. She also held several management positions in Bellevue's Transportation Department and was later appointed to Bellevue's Transportation Commission. Lise has an MPA from the UW and a BA in Philosophy from Seattle University. At home she enjoys her daughter, playing golf, gardening, reading and entertaining friends.

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Ms. Kolberg has been working in emergency management for over seven years and in public service for nearly a decade. She is currently a Preparedness Planner with Public Health – Seattle & King County, where she is responsible for Mass Fatality Management, Family Assistance Center, Alternate Care Facility and Isolation & Quarantine planning. Additionally, she has created multiple systems to improve Public Health's response capabilities. Prior to working at Public Health, Ms. Kolberg was the Director for Special Projects and Intergovernmental Affairs at New York City's Office of Emergency Management. She holds an MS from the London School of Economics, an MPA from New York University, and a BA in Communications and Society & Justice from the University of Washington in Seattle.

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For over 35 years as an education professional, Dr. Sharon Knight has had the pleasure and honor of working with administrators, adult learners, children, community leaders, parents, and politicians. While serving on several diversity committees, she has provided culturally responsive consultation and professional development for numerous individuals, groups, and organizations. Her passion and expertise are situated in culturally competent leadership and education. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology-Criminology, a Masters in Leadership and Education, and a Doctorate in Organizational Management and Leadership. Sharon embraces the belief that providing culturally responsive services is a main ingredient for eradicating systemic impediments: and in order to provide culturally responsive services, one must first develop an in-depth knowledge and understanding of oneself as a social-cultural being.

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Michael Loehr has served as the Chief of Emergency Preparedness and Response for the Washington Department of Health since February 2014. His responsibilities with the Department of Health include:

- Establishing and maintaining partnerships with healthcare facilities, tribes, local health jurisdictions, community based organizations, businesses, state agencies, neighboring states, and Canadian provinces;
- Developing all hazards operational readiness within the Department of Health; and
- Implementing strategic initiatives that increase and sustain statewide disaster response capability.

Mr. Loehr is an affiliate professor in the University of Washington School of Public Health, and an instructor with the Northwest Center for Public Health Practice. He serves on the World Health Organization's Interdisciplinary Advisory Group on Mass Gatherings, and is a member of the US Department of Health and Human Services Incident Response Coordination Team.

Prior to joining Public Health, Mr. Loehr served for eleven years as the Preparedness Director with Public Health – Seattle & King County. He served two years as the Operations Chief for the King County Office of Emergency Management; and before coming to Washington, he served for six years as an operations and response leader with the Florida Division of Emergency Management.

Mr. Loehr has 19 years of disaster preparedness and response experience. He has managed local and state emergency operations centers, and has provided training and technical assistance on disaster response at the national and international levels. He is a graduate of the University of North Carolina with a Masters Degree in Regional Planning.

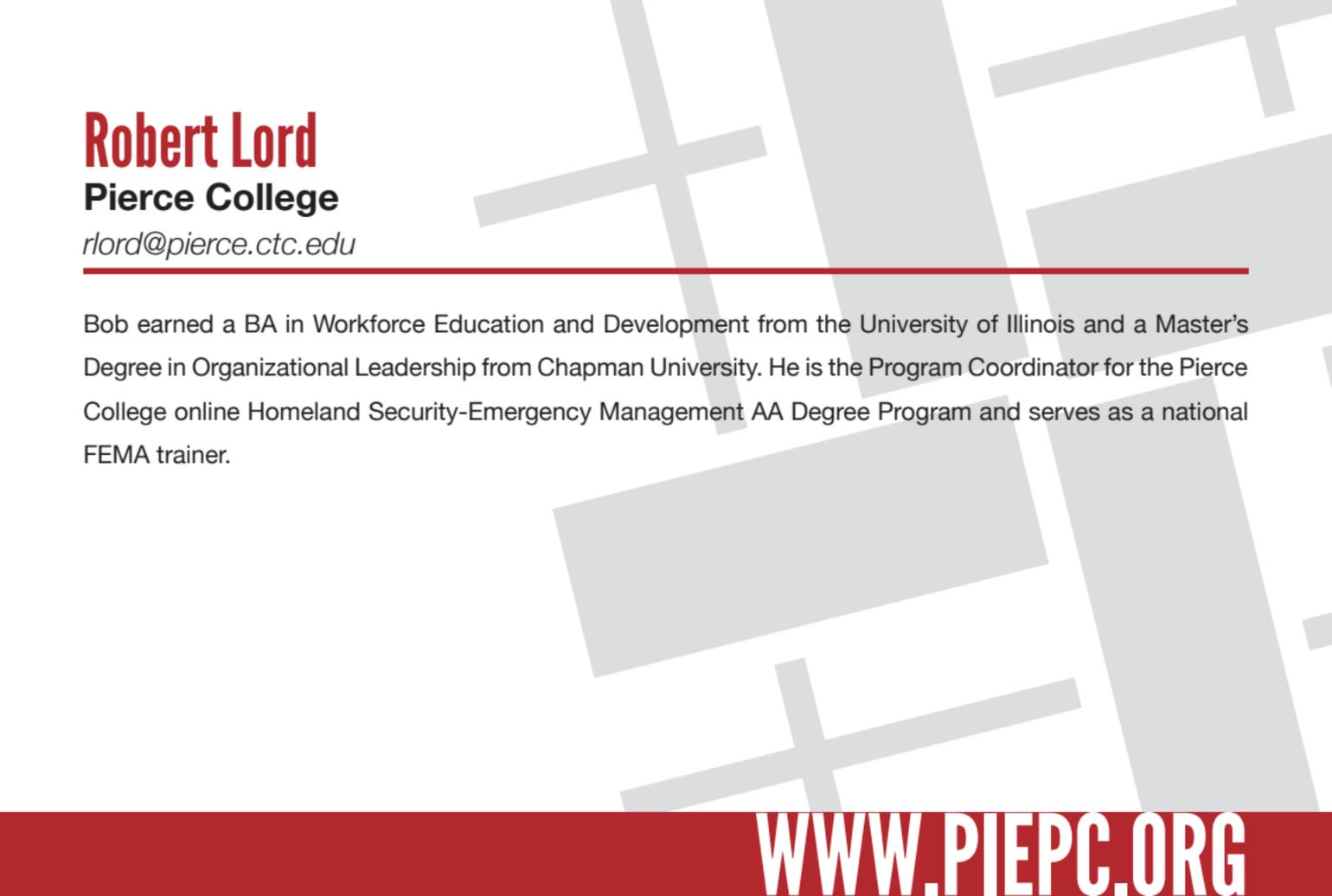
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William Lokey has been involved in emergency management in Washington State for over 40 years. He joined the Washington State DEM in 1977. In 1981, he became Assistant Director for Operations. In 1986, he became the Pierce County EM Director, responsible for disaster preparedness, the Fire Prevention Bureau, radio communications, the EMS and E9-1-1 Administration. In 1997, Bill became Assistant Chief for Special Operations for the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services. Bill became a Federal Coordinating Officer for FEMA in April 1999. He served as FCO for 24 disasters around the U.S., including Hurricane Katrina. He also responded to the World Trade Center in NY on 9/11. In February, 2007, Bill left FEMA and joined Witt Associates (now Witt O'Brien's) and has worked with public and private sector clients in recovery planning. He retired in August 2013 and now works part time for Witt O'Brien's and other clients.

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Dr. Lowe regularly publishes articles in public safety magazines such as Fire Engineering, Firehouse, Fire Chief, National Sheriff Magazine, EMS Magazine, Journal of Emergency Management, etc., and presents training sessions at national public safety conferences including Fire Department Instructors Conference (FDIC), Fire Rescue East, International Association of Emergency Managers, International Association of Fire Chiefs, and the National Sheriffs' Association.

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Dave was named Structural Engineer of the Year by the Structural Engineers Association of Washington (SEAW). He was recently appointed as a Fellow of the ASCE Structural Engineering Institute. Dave represents Structural Engineers nationally as member of ASCE's Committee for Critical Infrastructure. Dave is a member of FEMA's Urban Search & Rescue (US&R) Washington Task Force, where he participates as a Structural Engineer evaluating collapsed buildings for urban search and rescue operations. He is a certified CalEMA Safety Assessment Program (SAP) Trainer where he routinely provides SAP training for engineers around the United States. Dave has organized and led SEAW Earthquake Reconnaissance Teams to research lessons learned from devastating earthquakes in Japan (1995), Taiwan (1999), China (2008), Chile (2010), Haiti (2010), New Zealand (2011), and recently, the 2011 Great East Japan (Tohoku) Earthquake. Moved by the devastation of the large urban Kobe Earthquake, and inspired by the work done on the EERI Hayward Fault Scenario in the late 1990's, Dave played a key role in the leadership and development of the 2005 Seattle Fault Scenario Project. The widely distributed M6.7 Earthquake on the Seattle Fault Scenario Report has extended the Seattle Fault seismic hazard mapping work by the USGS to assess the vulnerability of the region's building, bridge, and port and transportation infrastructure.

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