



SEPA 2016

Conference Presenters

Suzanne Bernie, CEM, CBCP, MBCI

AUTHOR, DISASTER HEROES; PRESIDENT, SB CRISIS CONSULTING; NAMED 2016 'CONTINUITY & RESILIENCE CONSULTANT OF THE YEAR - NORTH AMERICA'; BOARD MEMBER, NEW YORK SAYS THANK YOU FOUNDATION; GLOBAL AMBASSADOR, STARS OF HOPE; BOARD MEMBER, SAFE AMERICA FOUNDATION

Suzanne is a certified, award-winning and internationally-recognized author, crisis management consultant and speaker, who has helped governments, communities and companies plan for and respond to disasters for nearly twenty years. She was recently named 2016's 'Continuity & Resilience Consultant of the Year – North America' by the Business Continuity Institute (BCI).

Throughout her career, Suzanne has been professionally and/or personally involved in responding to numerous crises, including the San Bernardino, Brussels, and 9/11 terror attacks, the 2016 Fort McMurray, Alberta wildfire, Hurricane Katrina, Hurricane Sandy, the H1N1 pandemic, the SARS epidemic, the 2003 Northeast Blackout, the 1998 "Ice Storm of the Century" in Eastern Canada, as well as numerous floods, fires, and severe storms. Prior to her career in business continuity and emergency management, she was a news reporter and anchor.

Suzanne is an active Board Member of the New York Says Thank You Foundation, the Safe America Foundation, and RES/CON New Orleans, and is a Certified Emergency Manager (CEM) through the International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM), as well as a Certified Business Continuity Professional (CBCP) through Disaster Recovery Institute International (DRII) and a certified Member of the Business Continuity Institute (MBCI).

Suzanne's critically-acclaimed 2015 book, *Disaster Heroes* (with foreword provided by the Hon. Tom Ridge, first U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security), tells the stories of ordinary men, women and children who have done extraordinary things to help respond, recover and rebuild following some of the world's most significant modern disasters.

Tue, Nov 1, 11 am - The Long & Winding Road to Resilience - From the Path to Preparedness to the Road to Recovery – How Do We Get There From Here?

Wed, Nov 2, 8 to 9 - It CAN Happen Here - Is Your Workplace and Workforce Prepared?

Doug Allport

Doug Allport is the Multi-Agency Situational Awareness System (MASAS) Team Leader for the Canadian Public Safety Operations Organization (CanOps). Doug has played leading roles in the development, education, and adoption of public safety communications standards and systems; including the national Multi-Agency Situational Awareness System (MASAS), the National Public Alerting System (NPAS), the NPAS Common Look and Feel Guidance, and the Canadian Profile of the Common Alerting Protocol (CAP-CP).

Nov 3, 13:00 to 15:00 – Post-Conference Training

Using the national Multi-Agency Situational Awareness System (www.MASAS.ca)

Dave Arnott, MBCI

Dave owns Bridges Consulting Group Ltd, a small business which has operated in Saskatoon for the past 16 years. He works with and supports organizations in a wide variety of sectors which includes banking, crown corporations, gaming, mining, not-for-profit, public education, governments and research councils. Dave was the lead consultant to the 2012 BCI North American Continuity Team of the Year. In addition to service offerings which span the continuity management cycle, he also assists his clients with the full integration of actions for incident, emergency and crisis management.

Dave is an approved BCI trainer who has led and facilitated numerous practice and simulation exercises, business continuity training sessions and workshops for government departments, school boards, private businesses and professional associations. He co-chaired the Government of Saskatchewan Continuity Planning Guide Writing Team, co-wrote the Saskatchewan School Board's Association (SSBA) Education Continuity Planning Guide and recently wrote the Saskatchewan Association of Immigrant Settlement and Integration Agencies (SAISIA) Continuity Planning Handbook.

Dave has served as vice-president and president of the BCI Canadian Chapter; Member of the BCI Board of Directors and Global Members Council; member of the CSA Z1600-2014 Technical Committee, the SCC ISO 223 mirror committee and the Saskatchewan Emergency Planners Association (SEPA) Board of Directors.

Tue, Nov 1, 15:00 - Small Business Resilience

Wed, Nov 2, 10:45 - Coordinating EM Plans and Continuity Plans within your workplace

John Paul Cragg

John Paul Cragg is the Warning Preparedness Meteorologist for Environment and Climate Change Canada for Saskatchewan, based out of Saskatoon. Since assuming the position over 4 years ago, John Paul has worked hard to bring awareness about Severe Weather to the residents of Saskatchewan. John Paul has been working with all levels of government to help them build awareness, responsiveness and resiliency when it comes to severe weather. Along with many citizens, John Paul has also trained numerous first responders and emergency personnel in weather safety and spotting. He has proven to be an important contributor to those planning for severe weather and those responding to emergencies.

Thur, Nov 3, 9 to 10 - Climate Change Impacts on Emergency Planning

Deb Davies

Deb Davies has been with the Saskatoon Fire Department for over 22 years and is a second generation firefighter. Deb is also a Primary Care Paramedic, member of the Critical Incident Stress Management Team, Peer Advisor, Fire Ground Survival instructor, First Aid/CPR instructor, and currently holds the position of Emergency Measures Coordinator. Mental Health is one of Debbie's many passions.

Tue, Nov 1, 15:00 to 15:45 - Stress Management in Emergency Response

Thur, Nov 3, 10:15 to 11:00 - ICS Implementation (Policies, Procedures & forms)

City of Estevan

Chief Feser - has been actively employed in the fire service for 12 years. He has served as a Captain for Surface Mine Rescue Team, paid-on-call firefighter, as a Deputy Chief and as a Fire Chief.

In 2009 Chief Feser was appointed to Deputy Chief for the City of Estevan. Chief Feser was responsible for day to day operations of the station, training operations, Hazmat response, Fire Prevention and Education. In 2015 Chief Feser was appointed to Fire Chief for the City of Estevan.

Chief Feser also adds to his portfolio two terms as a board director for the Saskatchewan Association of Fire Chiefs as well as offering Fire Service Instruction provincially at the SVFFA fire schools and is a founding board member of the Critical Incident Stress Response Team for Saskatchewan.

Helen Fornwald - is the Safety Coordinator/EMO Coordinator for the City of Estevan. She has worked for the city for over 25 years. She has been the EMO Coordinator for the past 6 years and the alternate EMO Coordinator for the past 10 years before that.

Helen started her emergency management training in 1996 with Red Cross as ESS Reception Centre Manager. In 1998 she went to the island of Puerto Rico working with American Red Cross on DR Hurricane George for 3 weeks. It was classed as a "Hardship assignment". While she was there, Hurricane Mitch struck impacting her area. It was a lifetime experience to be exposed to such devastation but extremely rewarding experience in being able to make a difference.

While she was attending emergency management training in Ottawa, 911 events occurred; causing the training to turn into specialized training involving 911 and was grounded in Ottawa for a week. She continues to expand her emergency management training and works with surrounding communities preparing for disasters.

Wed, Nov 2, 14:15 to 15:00 - Why declare a state of emergency; What's in it for me?

Karen Fesser

Karen is a Health and Safety Superintendent with the City of Saskatoon. In her role she works with various areas within the city as a subject matter expert for the development and implementation of health and safety management systems. She has been a practicing health and safety professional for over 15 years and holds a Canadian Registered Safety Professional (CRSP) certification, Occupational Health and Safety Certificate, Business Administration Certificate, and a Construction Safety Officer designation.

Through her career in health and safety she has had the opportunity to work with large and small employers in the development of emergency response plans and has established and led a Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) Team.

Wed Nov 2, 14:15 to 15:00 - Planning for Safer Workplaces

John Halliday

John has worked with the Canadian Red Cross just several years. Since joining, John has a plethora of experience in Disaster management and comforting every family. John served in the 2015 Saskatchewan fires as the lead in North Battleford, and again in 2016 when Red Earth was evacuated to Saskatoon. He is also working with Red Cross National and oversees for Saskatchewan our soon to be released client data tracking database (Emergency Management Information System). John currently lives in Lloydminster, and oversees the North West of the province of Saskatchewan as an Outreach Coordinator for Disaster Management.

Wed Nov 2, 10:45 to 12:00 - Handling Stress in Vulnerable Times

Jean Longpre

Jean started working for Government in the spring of 1981 as customer service rep selling park passes and camping permits in Meadow Lake Provincial Park. Jean worked for the park in a variety of positions until 1998 when she started working at Meadow Lake Service Bureau and developing the Wildfire Finance and Administration program. In 2004 Jean transferred to Prince Albert where she managed the newly formed Wildfire Finance and Administration Unit. In 2006 she accepted a position at Wildfire Management as a Policy Analyst and continued to work as an ICS Type 1 Section Chief, trainer and assessment officer. In 2013 Jean started work with the Ministry of Government Relations, Emergency Management and Fire Safety and was assigned the portfolio of provincial public alerting and currently manages the SaskAlert program for the province. Jean's 35 years in government has provided her with the opportunity to work in a number of positions; in several locations; with a diverse group of people; from the top of the province at Uranium City to the south east corner in Oxbow and pretty much every place in between.

Thur Nov 3, 10:15 to 11 - SaskAlert

Sandra MacArthur

Canadian Red Cross Volunteer, CAO and EMO Coordinator for the Town of Osler

Sandra is a Saskatchewan native. Sandra has two children and two grandchildren, all of whom live in Calgary and she was recently married to her Danish childhood pen pal, Torben. She has worked as an Administrator in Municipal Government for the past 30 years. Osler is her home community where she holds the position of Chief Administrative Officer. She has lived and worked in numerous other Saskatchewan communities, in British Columbia and in Northern Alberta.

Sandra is a career volunteer with involvements in many organizations as a result of her municipal work. Her background in Municipal Emergency Management brought her back to the Red Cross as a Disaster Management volunteer here in Saskatchewan. This led to her becoming involved in the governance side of things, serving as North Central Saskatchewan Regional President, Representative to the Western Council and also Chair of the Western Volunteer Resources Committee for the Canadian Red Cross.

With the need for more instructors in Disaster Management, Sandra has trained as a facilitator for numerous Red Cross courses including the recently released Disaster Management for First Nations. Sandra and her new husband, Torben, are active Red Cross volunteers in various areas but in particular in Disaster Management.

Wed Nov 2, 13:00 to 14:00 - Northern Fires Panel Discussion on Lessons Identified

Peter MacLachlan

Peter has worked for TransGas/SaskEnergy for over 25 years. Starting his career with SaskEnergy with the Distribution Engineering Department. He then moved on to creating and establishing the company's Quality Assurance Program for the gas measurement and quality control departments and Registered with Measurement Canada. From there, Peter moved to Regina to head up the Gas Measurement and Standards Engineering Departments which gave him an opportunity to work and liaison with all Canadian Gas Association member companies across Canada. Opportunity again came up a number of years later to take on the role of Operations Manager for TransGas' Transmission Operations area and move back to Saskatoon, where he still resides but has taken on the role of General Manager for the North District of Transmission Operations with TransGas.

Wed, Nov 2, 10:45 - Natural Gas Safety and Emergency Response

Duane McKay

Commissioner of Emergency Management and Fire Safety, Ministry of Government Relations

Duane has had a career of over thirty-five years in public safety, including 21 years in municipal public safety and 14 years with the province of Saskatchewan; presently serving as the Commissioner of Emergency Management and Fire Safety.

Duane leadership and innovative management style has provided the opportunity to lead many significant projects that have resulted in a fully interoperative and integrated public safety system in Saskatchewan. including:

- Development and implementation of the provincial 9-1-1 system and the Provincial Emergency Communication Center which serves approximately 400 Saskatchewan municipal and provincial public safety agencies,
- Development and management of the Provincial Public Safety Telecommunications Network (PPSTN). The largest land based public safety radio system in Canada.
- Public safety technology development and implementation, including: Emergency Services mapping, emergency services data management systems, provincial incident reporting and RMS systems, inter-agency Computer Aided Dispatch systems, and;
- Development of provincial governance and partnership models for municipal and provincial public safety agencies, 9-1-1 emergency communications, PPSTN, technology management and private industry.
- Development of an integrated provincial emergency response system which includes coordinated deployment of provincial assets, provincial rapid response teams and technically trained emergency volunteers.

In addition to his work in the province, Duane is actively involved in national public safety initiatives bringing national guidance to many committees and boards and serves as:

- Past Chair of the Canadian Council of Emergency Management Organizations,
- Past Co-Chair of the Senior Officials Responsible for Emergency Management,
- Past President of the Canadian Council of Fire Marshalls and Fire Commissioners,
- Co-chair of the Cross Sector Forum,
- Domestic Group on Emergency management, and
- Co-Chair of the Interoperability Working group on 700 Public Safety Broad Band

Thur Nov 4, 11:15 to 11:45 – Commissioner's Address

Randy Meginbir

Randy is currently employed by the City of Saskatoon Fire Dept. as a Firefighter Paramedic; he is also serving as an instructor in the Technical Rescue program. Randy has over 25 years' experience of full time service in EMS and fire. His latest undertaking is working as the Emergency Management Coordinator for the City of Warman. His most recent initiative is the development of a volunteer-based program designed to aid the community of Warman (and surrounding communities) in the event of a local emergency. This team has strategic training focused to prepare each team member for a variety of situations, such as tornados, flooding, mass casualty incidents involving triage etc. The team is called WERT – Warman Emergency Response Team.

Tue Nov 1, 15:00 – Warman Community Emergency Response Team

Jay O'Connor

Jay has been working in the field of emergency management for over a decade, and has been involved with emergency response in one form or another for over 18 years. Jay is a strong believer in getting things done with an efficiency of movement and process, that EM is all about relationships, and that you will not survive in this field without a healthy sense of humour. Jay has been on the SEPA Board for the past four years and is the current SEPA President.

Wed Nov 2, 14:15 to 15:00 - Building Bench Strength through Mutual Aid

Thur Nov 3, 10:15 to 11 - Cooking up an EOC, the essential ingredients

Thur Nov 3 13:30 to Fri Nov 4 15:00 – ICS 200

Murray Sanders

Murray Sanders is the Manager of the Critical Infrastructure Assurance Program for Emergency Management and Fire Safety. He has been in Government for over 36 years, 11 with EMFS. He primarily works as a liaison between EMFS and Industry, ensuring good links during emergencies. He has been an active member of the Provincial Emergency Operations Center and recently worked in the Alberta EOC during the Fort McMurray evacuation.

Tue Nov 1, 16:15 to 17:30 PLENARY: Community Resiliency Planning

Saskatoon Public Schools

Brent Hills is a Superintendent of Education with responsibility for emergency response and education continuity. He has a wealth of experience as a high school principal and has responded to many emergency situations in schools.

Veronica Baker is the Manager of Communication and Marketing for Saskatoon Public Schools. She is responsible for internal and external communication during an emergency response.

Pamela Goulden-Mcleod is the Consultant for Safe, Caring and Accepting Schools. She was involved with writing the Saskatoon Public School Division Emergency Response Plan and is the chair in the school division's traumatic response. She is also a Violence Threat Risk Assessment Trainer (VTRA) and the school divisions lead in VTRA.

Tue, Nov 1, 13:30 PLENARY: Emergency Response Planning for Schools - Keeping 24,000 students safe the Saskatoon Public Schools Education Continuity Management Story

Thomas Sierzycki

His Worship, Thomas Sierzycki, was first elected as Mayor in 2009 and re-elected in October, 2012. One of Canada's youngest elected officials, Sierzycki was elected to Council at the age of 18 and later as Mayor at the age of 21. Mayor Sierzycki is a graduate from the University of Regina with a Bachelor of Education and has obtained his Master's in Northern Governance and Development through the University of Saskatchewan. His Worship chairs various regional committees such as Fire Protective Services and sits on the provincially appointed Northern Municipal Trust Account. As a result of his achievements, Mayor Sierzycki has been named as one of CBC Saskatchewan's Top 40 Under 40 in 2013, received the 2012 Queen's Jubilee medal for Youth Achievement and was profiled in Maclean's Magazine's "Top 11 Young Canadians to Watch" in 2011. Sierzycki is also employed with AREVA Resources Canada Inc. and Cameco Corporation as their Community Vitality Coordinator. Thomas and his wife Jodie, a paramedic, have a one-year-old son named Jozef.

Wed Nov 2, 13:00 to 14:00 - Northern Fires Panel Discussion on Lessons Identified

CK Tan

CK Tan has spent the last 10 years working with various organizations (including provincial government, crown corporations, private enterprises and not-for-profit entities) in helping them through organizational transformations and strategic planning. As the Regional Director for Priority Management, he now focuses on supporting clients in discovering smarter ways to approach everyday problems and turning their intentions into real actions. With a unique background in engineering, human resources, project management and organizational effectiveness, he speaks a language of pragmatism and simplicity that everyone can relate to.

Wed Nov 2, 9:15 to 10:15 - Incorporating Resilience at Work (not just during a crisis)

Shannon Walter, MBCI

Shannon Walter is a seasoned Business Continuity practitioner and has had the opportunity to build full Business Continuity Management Programs in both the financial and insurance market spaces. Shannon became certified as a MBCI in 2006 and was an integral member of establishing The BCI Canada Chapter and launching the Saskatchewan Forum.

In her career, she has had many lessons learned opportunities managing through a number of various corporate minor to major incidents. In June 2016, Shannon joined ISM Canada as Enterprise Risk Manager.

Wed, Nov 2, 9:15 - Risk Management – 152 Simple Steps

Thur, Nov 3, 10:15 - Incident Management and Business Continuity – Hand in Hand vs. Head to Head

Cherylynn Walters

Cherylynn is the General Manager for the Marieval Enterprise Center Inc., a Cross-Cultural Business Resource Centre. She is also on contract to the Saskatchewan Economic Development Association (SEDA) as a Community Capacity Coach. Cherylynn has three degrees from the University of Saskatchewan, including a Masters in Business Administration. Her background includes six years of teaching; two years as Vice President of Marketing for a Saskatchewan Biotechnology company and two years as Manager of Business Training with the Business Development Bank of Canada.

Cherylynn is heavily involved in community economic development, development of information technology, E-Learning and E-commerce, labour force development, project management and program material development.

Wed, Nov 2, 15:30 – The Critical Nature of Economic Preparedness

Thur, Nov 3, 13:00 continuing **Fri, Nov 4, 08:30** – Economic Preparedness Planning Workshop

Brian Wilson

Brian Wilson is the Deputy Fire Chief and EMO Coordinator for the City of Moose Jaw. He is also a volunteer international disaster response team leader for Humanity First, and has deployed to disasters in Haiti, Philippines, Nepal and most recently Ecuador. Brian is also a graduate student completing his Master's Degree in Disaster and Emergency Management with Royal Roads University.

Tue, Nov 1, 15:00 – Why an all-hazard plan? What happened to specific plans for various hazards?

Tue, Nov 1, 18:00 - Whine & geez - Everyone can run a small-scale EOC - (Wine & cheese learning social)

Wed, Nov 2, 09:15 – Vulnerable Populations – Who are they? Why do they need special considerations in emergency planning?