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Speaker Bio:

Michael Sharon is the Deputy Superintendent at the Emergency Management Institute (EMI) in Emmitsburg, MD. He previously worked at FEMA Region III as Director of National Preparedness, Planning Branch Chief, and Regional Integration Branch Chief. Mike is also currently assigned as Chief of the National Response Coordination Center's Gold Team and serves as liaison to the U.S. Secret Service during National Special Security Events.

Mike began his Federal career at the U.S. Department of State, where he helped develop the Department's domestic emergency management and business continuity programs. He also held a variety of emergency management positions at the Maryland Department of the Environment and the Maryland Emergency Management Agency.

Mike earned a Master of Strategic Studies degree from the U.S. Army War College, a Master of Public Administration degree from the University of Baltimore, a Master of Arts in Military History from Norwich University, and a Bachelor of Arts degree from LaSalle University with dual majors in sociology and criminal justice.

Presentation:

On Watch for America: National Special Security Operations and Planning for the 2021 Presidential Inauguration

The presentation will use the 2021 Presidential Inauguration as a case study to share the planning and operational challenges for emergency managers involved National Special Security Event (NSSE). It will discuss the complex relationship between crisis management and consequence management when planning and

executing an NSSE, describe the U.S. Secret Service NSSE planning process, and share lessons learned for emergency managers who may be involved in an NSSE.