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**Speaker Bio:**

**David W. Brannan**, PhD is Senior Faculty with the Naval Post Graduate School, and Associate Professor at Idaho State University where he teaches on issues related to terrorism, extremism, intelligence analysis, ethics, discourse, and other forms of sub-national violence. David's PhD, from the University of St. Andrews, Scotland, focused on theologically motivated terrorism, and he has continued researching and writing on terrorism, law enforcement issues, and insurgency for more than 25 years. David was a policy analyst at RAND for five years and the Director of Security Policy in Iraq in 2003-4. He is also Vice President for Strategy with *The Hoffman Group*, which helps government and private industry with counter terrorism analytical and educational needs. David's latest publication is with Anders Strindberg (2023): "The Social Identity Analytical Method: Facilitating Social Science-Based Practitioner Analysis of Violent Substate Conflict," in, *Studies in Conflict & Terrorism*.

**Presentation:**

**Considering the Impact of the Oct. 7th Hamas Attack on Israel: Not  
Just a Local Event**

The October 7th attack on Israel by Hamas and the Palestinian Islamic Jihad is a departure from past attacks in both scale and impact. This presentation goes beyond the 24 hour news cycle to consider how these events are likely to impact regional, global and even domestic requirements for U.S. emergency managers.