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Speaker Bio:

Erik Gaull is President of IAEM-USA Region 3 and a Sr. Client Partner, Federal Government at Samsung. Erik holds five premier peer-conferred professional designations – Certified Emergency Manager®, Certified Information Systems Security Professional®, Certified Business Continuity Professional®, Certified Protection Professional®, and Project Management Professional®. Additionally, he has earned FEMA’s Master Exercise Practitioner, Master Continuity Practitioner (Level 2), and Advanced Professional Series recognitions. He is also a certified Lean Six-Sigma Black Belt. Erik completed the Program for Senior Executives in State and Local Government at Harvard’s Kennedy School of Government and has earned an MBA and a Master of Public Policy from Georgetown University and a baccalaureate from Columbia University.

Presentation Title:

Why Emergency Management is Not Yet a Profession and How We Can Change That

As emergency managers, we consider ourselves professionals engaging in the “profession” of Emergency Management. But, what defines a profession? What’s the difference between having certification and being accepted as a professional?