



From Research to Application

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Presentation Abstract: This presentation will describe various research projects from institutions of higher education, federal agencies and private corporations that have been developed into action items or programs that have had a significant impact on disaster preparedness, protection, mitigation, response and recovery. As we examine our current and future role of emergency management, it is important to collaborate with researchers to learn from their data and determine the course of action and programs that should be taken and developed to better protect our responders and communities. A familiar saying is, "We don't know what they know, and they don't know what we need to know." This presentation will discuss some key programs and research partners that have collaborated to help emergency managers develop successful programs for their communities.

Speaker Bio: Mike Gavin is a retired Battalion Chief having served over 40 years in the fireservice. The last 16 years of his career he served as the Emergency Manager for the City of Fort Collins, Colorado. His experience includes roles in EMS, code enforcement, arson investigations, hazmat and WMD/Terrorism. He is past chair of the State of Colorado All Hazards Advisory Committee, Co-Conference Chair for the International Association of Emergency Managers and is an adjunct instructor for FEMA and the Department of Homeland Security through the National Domestic

Preparedness Consortium. His experience in disaster preparedness is both domestic and international. Mike has worked with several research facilities on programs and projects to determine the best way to incorporate research into the field of emergency management and first responders.