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## Imagining Emergency Management Future Academic & Practice Collaboration: Success Stories & Future Possibilities

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Presented by Wendy Walsh

**Presentation Abstract:** Emergency Management is a complex adaptive system and navigating this system to achieve our desired outcomes can be challenging. We know that investments in planning, preparing, and mitigating can yield better outcomes once we are in the midst of response and recovery operations. We also know that networks are important, and we want to build trusted relationships across the system prior to disasters occurring, yet that can be challenging to make a reality.

**Speaker Bio:** Wendy Walsh has worked in the homeland security and emergency management fields for two decades. Her federal service began at the Department of Homeland Security followed by 10 years at the Naval Postgraduate School coordinating homeland defense & security. In 2015, she joined FEMA as the Higher Education Program Manager. As of January, Dr. Walsh has been serving as FEMA's Acting Chief Learning Officer. She holds degrees in political science, public administration, and education leadership.