



By Our Powers Combined: Converging Cybersecurity & Emergency Management

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Presentation Abstract: Hybrid Incidents, those with a significant cyber and physical component, are becoming more prevalent and impactful year after year. From Colonial Pipeline to JBS to civil unrest events, there is a growing need to establish a proper common operating picture not only inclusive of both cyber and physical security, but one that incorporates the preparedness and recovery philosophies of emergency management as well. This presentation will look at the growing impact of cybersecurity in the emergency management space, the roles emergency managers can play within cybersecurity incidents, and how we are driving towards a more unified and inclusive approach to cybersecurity in the Commonwealth.

Speaker Bio: Christopher Cruz is the Cybersecurity Program Manager for the Virginia Department of Emergency Management, assigned to the Office of the Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security. In this role, Chris is responsible for the coordination, development, and integration of cybersecurity capabilities across the public safety space in the Commonwealth. Previously, Chris worked for several Fortune 500

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