



## **The Mental Health and Wellness Caucus: an Introduction**

March 24<sup>th</sup> from 2:00pm-2:30pm ET

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**Presentation Abstract:** This session will discuss the newly formed Mental Health and Wellness Caucus. It will highlight the vision, mission and goals of the caucus, how the caucus came into being, where the caucus hopes to have impacts in both IAEM and the emergency management profession, as well as some accomplishments of the caucus. We hope to generate interest and maybe some new members through this interactive session.

**Speaker Bio:** David has more than 20 years of experience overseeing emergency response and training at MIT. He provides administrative, educational, and operational oversight of MIT's Emergency Operations Center and Emergency Response Liaison Team, and he has handled a wide range of situations from fires, spills, utility outages, and construction incidents to aviation accidents, weather-related emergencies, public health emergencies, and shooting incidents. David provides emergency management training to MIT's front line responders; Emergency Operations Center; Environment, Health, and Safety (EHS) coordinators and responders; and MIT Emergency Medical Services staff. In addition, David is certified by the Business Continuity Institute (CBCI) and serves in

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