



## **Collaborative Education of the USFA and Emergency Management**

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**Presentation Abstract:** Emergency management has often been described as an umbrella helping coordinate the emergency services in times of disasters. The United States Fire Administration through its National Fire Academy is helping bridge the gap for fire service leaders through various educational programs and courses that engage fire service leaders in best practices in emergency management.

In this session, attendees will be introduced to the various methodologies that the USFA is utilizing to help further coordinate emergency management in real world events through advanced technology and engagement opportunities. Currently the USFA is redesigning and expanding many of its seminal courses to assist fire service leaders to expand their awareness, understanding and competencies for disaster management.

**Speaker Bio:** Richard Sexton came to the National Fire Academy after a very a successful and diverse career at the local, state and federal level. He started in public safety at the age of 14 as a junior firefighter and matured to serve in many positions leading to the Director of Public Safety and Chief of Police. He has enjoyed and been very successful on a diverse career including fire, EMS, and law enforcement experience. He continues to volunteer and serves on a regional task force currently.

Coming to the federal government as a training specialist at FEMA's Emergency Management Institute, he has overseen, developed and managed several curriculum areas as well as deployed to numerous national and international incidents and events. He later moved into the role of a training and exercise specialist and has well over 1500 exercises to his credit, Mr. Sexton has developed and supported national and international level exercises to include work with the Department of Defense within the Southern, Northern, and Central Commands with numerous international projects to build capabilities and partnerships. He developed a program for and teaches at the FBI National Academy.

Mr. Sexton came to the National Fire Academy in 2017 and currently oversees the USFA Simulation Center, the Incident Command and Coordination curriculum, AHIMT training, NIMS related courses as well as the community integration and operations related components of the Executive Fire Officer Program. His curriculum area is the most attended and has been recognized internationally for its contributions to successful outcomes at a number of incidents and disasters.