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### Introducing the Academic Concept of Emergency Management Intelligence

All emergency managers need actionable intelligence before, during, and after events, incidents, and disasters. More than just situational awareness: the collection, analysis, and sharing of emergency management intelligence – everything from the weather to impacted population demographics to consequence management elements - can provide any significant incident's Response and Recovery Incident Command and General Staff with much needed decision-making information. The U.S.'s National Incident Management System (NIMS) currently is designed to allow the positioning of Intelligence/Investigation within an incident's ICS, but that is more aligned with only the law enforcement aspects of intelligence. This presentation is a summary of a concept first put forth in an advocacy article published in the April 2021 issue of Domestic Preparedness Journal. Not only will this presentation further advocate for the split of Intelligence from Investigation, but it will also support the concept of new FEMA-led training to be developed, alignment with incident management teams for the Intelligence position section chief criteria, as well as formal undergraduate and graduate educational programs consistent across colleges and universities which offer emergency/disaster management programs.

### Speaker Biography

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