

Where FDNY IMT originated and its relationship with Emergency Operations Centers

We will tell the story of how a US Forest Service Incident Management Team from the Southwest assisted the New York City Fire Department with post-9/11 rescue and recovery operations. The FDNY Incident Management Team was born out of the ashes of 9/11 with the vision of the FDNY senior leadership to develop our team as an All Hazards Incident Management Team. We will discuss our team's development, training/qualifications, deployments, and how we work with Emergency Operations Centers across the country.



Rich DePrima
Battalion Chief and Incident Commander
FDNY Incident Management Team

Speaker Biography

Rich DePrima is an FDNY Battalion Chief with 28 years of dedicated service currently assigned to Division 14 in Queens. He is also the Incident Commander of the FDNY Type 1 All Hazards Incident Management Team with 15 years of response experience to complex incidents/events that include hurricanes, wildfires, COVID-19, and numerous other All-Hazards Incidents. As an instructor and exercise designer, Rich has delivered ICS training and facilitated full-scale exercises across the nation. He is currently the All-Hazards Incident Management Team Association Region 2 board member for New York, New Jersey, Puerto Rico, and the US Virgin Islands.



Michael Meyers

FDNY Incident Management Team

Speaker Biography

Assistant Chief Michael V. Meyers is a 32-year member of the FDNY. He holds a master's in public administration from Columbia University and A Bachelor of Science in Accounting from Long Island University. Chief Meyers has served on the FDNY Incident Management Team since 2003 as both a Type 1 Planning Section Chief & Operations Section Chief. He has attended numerous training courses throughout the Country including the West Point Terrorism Class & the Naval Post Graduate School Executive Leadership Program. Chief Meyers has served as a firefighter in Ladder 175 East NY Brooklyn, Rescue 4 in Queens, a Lieutenant in Ladder 11 Manhattan, a Captain in Ladder 4 Times Square, Battalion Chief in the 9th Battalion Times Square, and as the FDNY Chief of Safety for five years, he currently assigned to FDNY Operations and is the NYC OEM Liaison.