



The Night the Lights Went Out in Moore County, NC

Presented by: **Scot Brooks, Moore County Emergency Management Chief, and Deputy Director of Public Safety and Bryan Phillips, B.A. REMTP/IAAI-FIT Director – Moore County Public Safety**

Presentation Abstract: The presentation will include a thorough discussion of the response and recovery activities associated with the criminal vandalism event involving the electrical power grid in central North Carolina. The deliberate act affected more than 40,000 households and businesses for five days in early Dec. 2022. The average temperature was in the mid-fifties during the day and fell to the high thirties at night which created multiple human services related challenges for the community. We will take an in-depth look at the strengths, weaknesses, and lessons learned associated with the event from the emergency management perspective.

Speaker Bios: Scot Brooks serves as the Moore County emergency management chief and the deputy director of public safety. He is responsible for the administrative oversight for the departments Emergency Medical Services Division, E911 Division, and the Emergency Management Division.

Mr. Brooks has over 30 years of emergency services experience in North Carolina and 18 of that in Moore County as the local emergency manager.

His credentials include Certified Emergency Manager (CEM), North Carolina Executive Level Emergency Management Coordinator, NC Paramedic certification, Critical Care Paramedic certification, Nationally Registered Paramedic, and Communications Center Manager as well as serving as a member of North Carolina All Hazards Incident Management Team.

Mr. Phillips has over 30 years of emergency services experience in North Carolina with 27 of those years in Moore County Public Safety the last 13 as director.

His credentials include North Carolina Executive Level Emergency Management Coordinator, North Carolina and National Registered Paramedic, Communications Center Manager, North Carolina Fire Prevention Level III, Certified Fire Investigator and North Carolina All Hazards Incident Management Team. International Association of Emergency Manager member since 2011.