

Greetings! I am David Fogerson, currently a healthcare emergency manager, but a former Nevada state emergency manager/homeland security chief and local government deputy fire chief and county emergency manager (Douglas County/East Fork Fire). I have been evacuated from my home, comically by me, twice for incidents. I have experienced emergency management from these perspectives, living and surviving it! I hold several certifications including CEM, Executive Fire Officer, Certified Chief Fire Officer, and have a master's degree in public administration with a minor in emergency management. I have attended prestigious programs such as Harvard's National Preparedness Leadership Initiative, DHS's Vanguard program, and CHDS's Executive Leaders Program. I have taught at both technical training and bachelor levels and am the founding Vice President of the Nevada Emergency Preparedness Association.

Why choose me: Leadership. Ability to Stand Up without Political Concern. Vision. Viewpoint.

Ask anyone who has worked with me: they didn't work for me; they worked with me to advance our collective cause. I am a proven leader who can move our agenda forward. Recently retired, but now a healthcare emergency manager and consultant, I can stand up against political issues without concern for my position, something hard for a government employee to do when speaking against their employer's wishes. I share our collective vision for emergency management: stewardship. A collective program to increase our community's ability to prepare for, respond to, and recover from an incident. Yes, there are more phases we are concerned with besides those three, but they hold the crux of what we do: we don't know everything, but we know everyone so we can connect the right players. And viewpoint: that view from a local emergency manager, a state emergency manager, and now a hospital emergency manager, these lenses allow me to relate with most on issues.

Our landscape is changing rapidly, many will say too fast! My qualities will enable me to support all of us in our future, taking the side that we collectively agree upon as right for the community we serve. Syncing emergency management and public health preparedness is essential as we care for everyone, regardless of their pre-existing conditions. We have many voices out there telling us what emergency management should look like tomorrow. I hope my Region 9 presidency can bring our western states voices to the conversation to make us better tomorrow than we are today, helping our stakeholders understand what emergency management is and is not, understanding that we are all in this together. The objectivity I can bring to the Region 9 President role is essential in our current times, for I am not here for me, I am here for us, and we are here for them.