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Soraya Sutherlin is a nationally recognized expert in emergency management and crisis communications with over two decades of experience leading public safety initiatives across government, education, and nonprofit sectors. As CEO of Emergency Management Safety Partners (EMSP), Soraya specializes in crisis communications—helping communities, schools, and organizations develop clear, effective messaging strategies and scalable response plans grounded in real-world emergencies.

She previously served as the Public Information Officer for the U.S. Secret Service – Los Angeles Field Office, where she managed critical communications for high-profile National Special Security Events and large-scale incident responses. Soraya is also the architect of the award-winning Alert SouthBay regional alert and warning program, uniting 15 jurisdictions to deliver clear, coordinated public safety messaging.

Soraya is known for her hands-on approach, combining field-tested training with policy expertise to drive systems change. She frequently speaks at state and national conferences, including CESA, IAEM, and other national events, and advises school districts and public agencies on crisis communications, emergency operations planning, disaster response and recovery, and community engagement.

She holds a Master's in Public Administration from California State University, Long Beach, and is a Certified Emergency Manager, a California Professional Emergency Manager, and an authorized Outreach Instructor with the California Specialized Training Institute.