

Lucas McDonald

Director of Emergency Operations, Walmart Corporation

Speaker Bio:

Lucas McDonald is the director of Emergency Operations for Walmart Inc. Lucas and the Emergency Operations team have responsibility for responding to small and large scale emergencies for the company. In Lucas' 13 year tenure, he has facilitated and led the company's response for dozens of full EOC activations including hurricanes, earthquakes, wildfires, and acts of violence. This year alone the EOC has coordinated Walmart's response to COVID-19, the Civil Unrest, and multiple tropical systems. Additionally, Lucas has strategic oversight of Walmart's 24/7, 365 days a year Watch Command which facilitates an average of 207 incidents a day.

Prior to joining Walmart Lucas spent 6 years doing small market TV weather in St. Joseph, MO and Joplin, MO focusing on the communication of imminent severe weather. Lucas is a member of the American Meteorological Society's Emergency Management Committee, a volunteer with the American Red Cross' Missouri/Arkansas Region, and was part of the inaugural cohort for the Center for Homeland Defense and Security's Emergence Program.

Lucas and his wife (Elizabeth) have been married for 5 years, each bringing 2 kids to the blended family with ages ranging from 7 to 24!