

G.B. Jones

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Speaker Bio:

G.B. Jones is the Chief Safety and Security Officer for the FIFA World Cup 2026™, where he is responsible for leading safety and security, access control, accreditation, medical, and emergency preparedness planning for the FIFA World Cup 2026 and its test events.

Prior to joining FWC2026, Mr. Jones was the International Security Director for the National Football League, where he led security planning for the NFL's international markets, including the games in London, Germany, and Mexico. Mr. Jones retired from the Federal Bureau of Investigation in May 2019 after 23 years of service, where his assignments included directing counterterrorism programs for special events, aviation security, and maritime security. He was a sworn law enforcement officer for more than 31 years and has experience as a municipal police officer, deputy sheriff, Minnesota State Trooper, and FBI Agent.

Mr. Jones earned a master's degree in public administration from Hamline University in St. Paul, MN, and a master's degree in National Security Studies - Homeland Security and Defense from the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, CA. He also attended the 262nd Session of the FBI National Academy.

Presentation:

Safety, Security, and Service: Preparing for the FIFA World Cup 2026™

Children are a vulnerable population; this vulnerability can be amplified during a disaster. Children's needs must be a core priority during disaster planning, response, and recovery. Stronger than the Storm is a non-profit organization whose mission is to provide kid-friendly resources for youth, caregivers, educators, and the emergency management industry that cultivates resilience and brings awareness to specific needs of kids when planning for and responding to disaster events. During this session, you will be provided with tools for incorporating the needs of children into disaster planning and response.