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## SUMMARY

27 years of experience working for the City of Los Angeles, the second largest city in the nation coordinating programs, facilities, employees and performing complex administrative work. Certified Emergency Management Accreditation Program (EMAP) assessor. Working with the Los Angeles Police Department as an Emergency Manager for the Valley Bureau to strengthen their emergency management capabilities. Previously responsible for the administration of large recreational facilities in Los Angeles directing operations.

Served as the Emergency Management Department Liaison to communities in Los Angeles creating partnerships, working collaboratively with relevant agencies and project management in the field of emergency management and public safety for over a decade. Lead planner for the 2018 and 2019 Defense Support of Civil Authorities (DSCA) Senior Leaders Seminar to facilitate a better understanding of military support to Southern California in response to major disasters.

## WORK EXPERIENCE

10/19 – Present

*City of Los Angeles, Los Angeles Police Department*  
Emergency Management Coordinator  
**Operations Valley Bureau (OVB)**

**Emergency Plans:** Revising standing and Continuity of Operations Plans (COOP) to strengthen emergency response and emergency management law enforcement gaps. Developed the Valley Bureau Pandemic COOP Annex.

**Training and Exercises:** Conduct training to streamline law enforcement response to disasters under unified command, multi-agency coordination systems and the incident command system.

Lead planner for a Mass Notification Full Scale Exercise, conducted Feb 1, 2020. Facilitating the Initial, Mid-term and Final Planning Meetings. Served as the Exercise Director for the exercise. Developed the After-Action Report (AAR). Also, focusing on broadening and promoting the the Run, Hide, Fight training to places of worship.

**Incident Management:** Responding to Unified Command Post, most recently for the field management for the Kobe Bryant event February 24, 2020.

## Awards

- 2018 BICEPP Special Recognition Award
- 2016 FBI InfraGard Award for Assistance with the San Bernardino Mass Shooting Incident
- 2016 FEMA Best Practice Award
- 2014 BICEPP Special Recognition Award
- 2013 CA Emergency Services Association Award

## Public Speaking

- Building Owners & Managers Assoc. 2019
- Independent Cities Assoc. 2018
- Abilities EXPO 2017 & 2018
- RES/CON 2017
- National CERT Conference 2016
- National Homeland Security Conf. 2014, 2016 & 2017
- International Assoc. of Emergency Managers 2014

## Community Liaison

- Working relationships with community leaders

## Accomplishments

- Los Angeles Active Shooter Program
- 5 Steps to Neighborhood Preparedness Program
- Production of a video in 2018 for people with Disabilities and Others with Access and Functional Needs (DAFN) "Use Your Abilities to Survive an Active Shooter". Viewed over 31,000 times.  
[https://youtu.be/MRNU5\\_Fsr3Q](https://youtu.be/MRNU5_Fsr3Q)

07/07 – 10/19

*City of Los Angeles, Emergency Management Department*

Emergency Management Coordinator

**2017- 2019    *Training and Exercises Division***

**2008 - 2017    *Emergency Manager Valley Bureau Liaison***

***Administration of Contractual Agreements:*** 11 years of administrative experience with federal grant programs including the State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSP) and Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) program. Development and management of the nationally recognized 5 Steps to Neighborhood Preparedness program and the Los Angeles Active Shooter program. Developed grant proposals, scopes of work (SOW), requests for proposals (RFP's) and contracts.

***Liaison:*** Worked to develop relationships with community leaders, neighborhood councils, businesses, schools, transportation entities, hospitals, places of worship and emergency management partners across the Los Angeles region in order to create partnerships and project collaborations.

***Training:*** Certified Emergency Management Accreditation Program (EMAP) Assessor. Provides training and speaks nationally on emergency preparedness, planning, mitigation and recovery. Active Shooter trainer personally trained over 500 people since 2014. Certified EMI instructor for ICS 300-400. CSTI certified trainer for EOC section position courses and G775/G61.

***Emergency Plans / SOP's:*** Author of the Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) for opening shelters in Los Angeles. Ensured that Emergency Plans and SOP's are compliant with Federal mandates such as Comprehensive Preparedness Guide (CPG) 101 which provides guidelines for developing emergency operations plans.

***Communications:*** Chairperson leading the effort to enhance communication capabilities for the EOC Amature Radio network. Created an SOP for LASD, CHP, LAFD and ARES to use in response to a major incident in Los Angeles as a redundancy communication back up.

***Exercises:*** Lead planner for the upcoming LA Complex Coordinated Terrorist Attack (CCTA) 2020 EOC functional exercise. Lead planner for the LA Fleet Week Senior Leaders Seminar 2018 and 2019. Developed three full scale exercises using Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP) standards in 2012, 2014, 2016. Conducted After Action Reports (AAR) to improve plan deficiencies. Developed and conducted four Workshop level exercises for City of Los Angeles elected council members and council staff in development of their District Continuity of Operations (COOP) Emergency Plans.

***International Professional Network:*** Experience in maintaining relationships with public safety professionals on an international level through contacts developed over goodwill exchanges such with countries as South Korea, United Kingdom, China and Germany.

***Homeland Security / Public Safety:*** Works closely with the Joint Regional Intelligence Center (JRIC) to monitor threats to Los Angeles. Leader in the Active Shooter Program developed in

2014 with the LAPD for the City of LA. Since its inception, we have trained over 40,000 people and developed a Train the Trainer (TTT) cadre of over 300 qualified trainers as a force multiplier in training City of Los Angeles employees and the community. August 2019, lead the development of a website to facilitate scheduling training [www.runhidefightLA.org](http://www.runhidefightLA.org)

**Emergency Management Technology:** Utilized the incident management tool WebEOC and GIS capabilities for 10 years in developing Situational Awareness (SA) and responses to emergencies in the EOC.

**Emergency Response:** Responded to North Carolina for Hurricane Florence in 2018 as a government liaison to the FEMA Joint Field Office on special assignment for the American Red Cross and the City of Los Angeles. Served as the EOC Director on various Level 1 EOC Activations. Served as the Incident Commander Staff Advisor on many Level 2 EOC Activations and have served as the Planning Section Director developing EOC Incident Action Plans (IAP's) and Event Action Plans (EAP's). Served as the City's coordinator for Emergency Management Mutual Aid (EMMA) for Hurricane Sandy in sending EMMA responders to New York to assist in the emergency response in 2012. Served as the Agency Representative in Multi-Agency Coordination's (MAC's) events and at the Incident Command Post (ICP) in the field for the Di Vinci Fire which caused 50 million dollars in damage to the City in 2014.

**Local Disaster / Federal Reimbursement:** Assisted with the Preliminary Damage Assessments (PDA's) for the 2008 Oakridge Fires. The fires destroyed more than 500 mobile homes in Sylmar. Four years later, as a result of the damage I lead the effort for the Emergency Management Department in applying for State Disaster Recovery Initiative (DRI) funds in collaboration with the Los Angeles Housing Department to create an evacuation plan for an industrial area in the City of Sylmar in 2012.

07/04 - 07/07

*City of Los Angeles, General Services Department*  
Management Analyst II

**Special Projects**

Directed and coordinated special event projects for the City of Los Angeles, Mayor's Office, City Council offices and City Departments. Monitored agreements and found solutions to complex problems. Worked collaboratively to facilitate projects. Managed the City's Building Emergency Coordinator (BEC) program.

**Emergency Evacuation Exercise:** Exercise lead for the 2006 exercise to coordinate simultaneous evacuate and test emergency evacuation plans of occupants in five high rise buildings in downtown LA including City Hall, City Hall South, City Hall East, Metropolitan Communications Dispatch Center (911) and the Roybal Federal Building.

09/03 - 07/04

*City of Los Angeles, Housing Department*  
Management Analyst I

**Committee Advisor and Contract Manager**

Committee Advisor for the Los Angeles Countywide HOPWA Advisory Committee (LACHAC). Managed United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funds for the City. Conducted audits of non-profit agencies. Developed request for proposals (RFP's) to determine which non-profit agencies would receive funding. Provided financial reports to HUD. Applied Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAPP) standards in performing agency audits.

**Federal Funds Project Manager:** Served as the project manager for the HOPWA program for over 15 non-profit agencies in Los Angeles which sought funds to provide housing and supportive services for people with HIV/AIDS managing over 3 million in funds.

02/93 - 09/03

*City of Los Angeles, Recreation and Parks Department*

Facility Manager

**Recreation and Facility Supervisor**

Served as Facility Manager directing administration of large recreational facilities, full-time employees, part-time employees, seasonal staff and volunteers. Responsibilities for this position included hiring, training, discipline, scheduling and budgeting of staff for programs under RAP. Additional experience includes communicating with employee labor organizations and providing effective team management strategies.

**Workplace / Program Participant Safety:** Conducted workplace safety assessments and thunderbolt activities on safety as a method of reminding staff and program participants about safety.

**Equal Employment Opportunity:** Provided for a workplace environment which prohibited discrimination and encouraged diversity in programs and opportunities.

## **EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

Terrorism II: Domestic Terrorism Certificate  
California Specialized Training Institute (CSTI) 2020

Advanced Public Information Officer (PIO) Certificate  
Emergency Management Institute (EMI), FEMA 2019

Infrastructure Protection Certificate  
Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service 2018

Type III EOC Planning and Intel Chief Credential  
State of California, Governor's Office of Emergency Services 2018

Type III All Hazards Incident Management Team (IMT) Certified  
National Fire Academy, FEMA 2017

CREATE Executive Program in Counter-Terrorism  
University of Southern California (USC) 2017

Bachelor of Science in Political Science  
California State University, Northridge