

Spouse Workshop:

“Living with a Rescue Worker” – Are you prepared?”

In a crisis event, the responder needs to know his family is safe & secure FIRST! Do you have your family plans in place? Do you have a plan for communication? Evacuation? Do you have all the information at hand that may be needed during an emergency? Dr. Wolford will discuss the importance of preparedness to both the responder and their families.

Day 1 KEYNOTE:

How to Avoid Becoming Dysfunctional in a Crisis: State, Federal and Local Government Lessons from Hurricane Katrin.

Mike Brown , Former FEMA Director

"Bridging the Gap"

**Jason Awadi, M MAJ NGMI
Michigan National Guard
51st Civil Support Team**

Learn in detail, the role of military support to civil authorities and what the Michigan National Guard can offer in assistance during an emergency.

Day 3 KEYNOTE

"Lessons Learned from the 2005 Hurricane Season."

Edward Buikema, FEMA Regional V Director

While Michigan does not experience hurricanes, lessons learned involving planning, training, exercising, logistics, communications, command and control, etc. impact emergency management program at all levels and in all locations.

Preparedness - Take responsibility or take your chances!

Norris Beren, Emergency Preparedness Educational Institute

One of the fundamental challenges we face today is changing the behavior of Americans, especially emergency managers and their staff of first responders. A more prepared America is a more engaged citizenry and it starts with personal responsibility especially by community leadership and those people that must leave their families to help others. Overall community preparedness plans depend on employees being able to report for duty knowing that their loved ones understand and are ready to deal with the potential consequences from a disaster or emergency"