



Biography – John Shaw

John began his career in the Preparedness Bureau at the Florida Division of Emergency Management where he worked as part of the ESF-5 staff. Since then, John has worked in the academic setting at the Center for Disaster Risk Policy followed by a couple of years as an Emergency Preparedness and Response Planner for a county health department in Arizona. John was formerly an Emergency Preparedness Supervisor for the Consolidated City of Jacksonville/Duval County, Florida and currently serves as the Emergency Management Director for Alachua County, Florida.

John has extensive incident management leadership experience: several hurricanes/tropical storms, tornadoes, a missing person/homicide law enforcement investigation, nationally-televised high profile trials, mass vaccination clinics, and numerous special events. In recent years, John has worked multiple Presidentially-declared disasters at state and local emergency operations centers.

Career Highlights

- Successfully obtained Presidential Disaster Declarations for both Individual Assistance and Public Assistance with estimated damages of at least \$100 million.

- Managed the disaster recovery and FEMA reimbursement of approximately \$50 million in damages to the Consolidated City of Jacksonville/Duval County.

- Managed and/or successfully applied for approximately \$20 million in state and federal homeland security and firefighting grants.

- Lead homeland security infrastructure protection including the data collection, assessment, analysis, and implementation of identified critical physical security, cybersecurity, and resilience measures for over 800 facilities.

- Spearheaded the successful emergency management accreditation for the Consolidated City of Jacksonville/Duval County.

For several years, John has assessed foreign and domestic emergency management programs at all levels of government. His primary specialties are hazard identification and risk assessment, mitigation, operational planning, and plans and procedures.

John was appointed by the Mayor as a board member (Vice-Chair) of the Jacksonville Health Facilities Authority in 2013, volunteered with the Jacksonville Seminole Club as Secretary and Treasurer, and now serves as the Program Chair for the National Homeland Security Association, where he coordinates social media outreach and develops the conference program. John has a Master's in Public Administration and a Master's in Urban Planning from Florida State University.

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