

Eric E. Holdeman

HIGHLIGHTS OF QUALIFICATIONS

- Led a nationally recognized urban emergency management program
- 29 years direct experience in directing emergency management programs
- Proven skills in leading and facilitating collaborative programs and projects
- A proponent of building public and private partnerships in disaster resilience
- Energetic and highly motivated with a strong work ethic
- Politically astute with extensive interpersonal communications and motivational skills

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Facilitated the creation of a nationally recognized county-level regional approach to Homeland Security. Established a multi-jurisdictional and multi-discipline council and subcommittee structure that was responsible for allocating \$34M in homeland security funding for a metropolitan region. Received the 2005 National Association of Counties award for “A Regional Approach to Homeland Security.”
- Initiated and then supervised a multi-year effort for the creation of the King County Regional Disaster Response Plan. Built political support and established a planning process that broke down organizational and cultural barriers between a multitude of public and private business organizations. This totally voluntary plan now has 141 signatories. The plan was recognized by the 9/11 Commission as a “Best Practice” for including the private business sector in planning.
- Re-energized a failing Maritime Security grant program that had multiple projects worth \$16M that had been stalled with no progress for two years. All projects were completed on time.
- A nationally recognized expert in emergency management. Author of articles for professional journals, and numerous Op-ed pieces for Seattle newspapers and the Washington Post. Sought after by local and national media for commentary on emergency management and homeland security topics.
- Led the development of the two large scale earthquake exercises conducted in the Central Puget Sound. Played a key leadership role in developing the largest counter terrorism exercise (TOPOFF2) ever held in the Western United States.

EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- B.A. in Education, Concordia University Chicago, River Forest, Illinois.
- Emergency Management Professional Development Series Graduate, 222 hours.
- Graduate, Naval Post Graduate School’s Executive Leadership Program

RELEVANT EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

- Director Center for Regional Disaster Resilience (CRDR) 2013-Present

Lead the efforts of the CRDR to promote disaster resilience across five states and five Canadian provinces. The focus for the work of the center is on public-private partnerships and critical infrastructure interdependencies.

- Security Director Port of Tacoma 2009-2013

Supervise the functions of Port Security and Emergency Management with a staff of 60 personnel and operational budget of \$5.5M. Administered \$56M in Homeland Security Grants.

- Director, King County Office of Emergency Management 1996-2007

King County is the 12th largest county in the nation, with a total of 13,000 employees. Provided emergency management services to county government, and regional emergency management and 911 services to the county as a whole. Supervised a \$20M operations budget and administered \$34M in Homeland Security grants for geographic King County.

- Operations Unit Manager State of Washington 1993-1996

Led an organization of 30 personnel responsible for preparing for and coordinating the state's emergency response efforts in support of state and local governments.

- Chief of Operations and Contingency Plans U.S. Army 1984-1988

Responsible for the preparation of emergency plans and procedures for a new major military headquarters providing military support to civilian authorities over a seven-state region. Worked extensively with FEMA Region V, Chicago on continuity of government and continuity of operations planning.