

Speaker Fact Sheet

Chesapeake PDC: April 15th 2021

TOPIC: How MEMA works with the public and business community before, during and after emergencies

SPEAKERS: Ed McDonough, MEMA public information officer

Allegra Tartaglia, MEMA Private Sector Integration Program (PSIP) Manager

THREE LEARNING OBJECTIVES: (at least)

1. Understand the role MEMA plays in all phases of emergencies, especially as it relates to the public and the business and non-government communities.
2. Understand the role technology plays in MEMA's operation.
3. What can YOU do to be prepared?

DESCRIPTION OF PRESENTATION: (min, 2-3 sentences)

The speakers will explain how MEMA works with the entire community to encourage preparedness before emergencies, how the agency helps coordinate state response to assist local emergency managers and coordinate with local and federal agencies to help communities recover. The presentation will include the special resources available to assist the business and non-government partners and some of the tools used by MEMA.

SPEAKER TITLE AND EMPLOYER: (as you wish it to be displayed)

SPEAKER BIO: (paragraph)

Edward J. McDonough became Public Information Officer for the Maryland Emergency Management Agency in 2003 after serving in the same role at the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development since 1998 . Prior to State service, he spent more than 15 years as a journalist at a variety of newspapers and newsletters, including 10 years for *The (Baltimore) Sun*. Mr. McDonough is a 1980 graduate of Northeastern University in Boston and graduated from Calvert Hall College High School in Towson, MD, in 1975. He also is an instructor for the FEMA's Basic Public Information Course and has been an evaluator at several exercises. He lives with his family in Towson.

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