

## Vincent B. Davis - CEM



Vince Davis joined the Sony Network Entertainment International team in July 2015 as the Manager of Emergency Preparedness. His primary role is to establish and facilitate preparedness programs, planning, training and exercises designed to support business continuity and emergency response efforts. Prior to joining Sony, Mr. Davis served as **Senior Program Manager of Emergency Preparedness & Response** at Walgreens Corporate Headquarters in Deerfield, IL where he developed and managed emergency plans and programs for the company's 9, 000 U.S. stores and facilities with over 250,000 employees. In addition to planning, he facilitated corporate response operations at Walgreens Emergency Operations Center during major disasters including Hurricane Isaac, Superstorm Sandy, Boston Marathon Bombing, Moore Oklahoma Tornado and others. He also served a primary Business Continuity Agent for the company's IT, Shared Services and HR divisions, developing and managing continuity plans for potential business disruptions.

A U.S. Air Force veteran, Mr. Davis retired from a 23-year military career which included nineteen years as a Public Information and Community Affairs specialist in the **Illinois National Guard**. He served as community affairs liaison and media spokesperson during the 1993 Midwest floods, and was awarded both the Army and Air Force Achievement Medal for his work in community relations.

After retiring from the National Guard, Mr. Davis served as External Affairs and **Community Relations Manager** at **FEMA**, where he supervised field teams during 11 Federal Disasters. He was assigned as Special Liaison for White House officials during the TOPOFF-2 National Terrorism Exercise in 2003. In 2004 he served as FEMA External Affairs lead assigned to the City of Orlando and Orange County, Florida during Hurricanes Charley and Frances. Later that year he led a FEMA HQ task force to coordinate deployment of over 5,000 Citizen Corps C.E.R.T., and government agency volunteers assigned to the Gulf region.

Mr. Davis served as FEMA Community Relations lead in Alabama for Hurricane Ivan, managing deployment of over 1,000 statewide community relations workers, before leaving FEMA just prior to Hurricane Katrina. He went on to serve as Director of Operations and Military Affairs for the Save-A-Life Foundation, a not-for-profit organization providing CPR/and first aid training for children.

From 2007 to 2010, Mr. Davis served as Manager of Regional Preparedness for the American Red Cross of Greater Chicago. In that role, he coordinated preparedness programs and risk-based capacity building initiatives for the 11-county chapter area. While at the Red Cross he also led an advisory panel of regional stakeholders and developed the **Regional Report on Emergency Preparedness** for the CMAP Go-to-2040 Plan released in June, 2009. The report was a ground-breaking collaboration between the public and private sectors, nongovernmental community groups, and faith-based organizations. It provided important research data and established key indicators and recommendations for public policy changes to improve the region's disaster preparedness over 30 years.

In 2010 Mr. Davis served as a Senior Consultant for Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC), where he developed the **Regional Catastrophic Incident Coordination Plan** for the FEMA Regional Catastrophic Planning Team. The plan outlined coordination of mass care, sheltering, evacuation, public information and logistics for response to a catastrophic event affecting the Chicago, Northwest Indiana and Southeast Wisconsin region. The plan outlined steps for evacuation of over a million people and shelter and mass care for more than 100,000.

A nationally recognized subject-matter-expert in emergency preparedness, Mr. Davis has received numerous awards and accolades for his work. He has served as an adjunct professor, speaker, conference workshop facilitator, and panelist for multiple organizations and events including the Humanitarian Disaster Institute (Wheaton College), International Network of Women in Emergency Management, Chicago State University Community Preparedness Summit, and the National Summit on Race.

In February 2015, he was confirmed as a **Certified Emergency Manager (CEM)** by the International Association of Emergency Managers, joining a select group of fewer than 1,600 U.S. emergency managers to achieve this distinction. Also credentialed as Illinois Professional Emergency Manager (IPEM) and FEMA Professional Continuity Practitioner, Mr. Davis has earned over 70 separate training certifications in preparedness, mitigation, response, recovery, training and exercises, and other related subjects. Mr. Davis serves on the Children's Caucus of the International Association of Emergency Managers and is a Lifetime Member of the Black Emergency Managers Association (BEMA).

In 2012, Mr. Davis authored his first book titled **Lost and Turned Out – A Guide to Preparing Underserved Communities for Disasters** (Amazon). The book chronicles his experiences as a disaster manager, provides vital insights into the disaster system, and challenges stakeholders to seek new solutions for preparing vulnerable populations. Through his **Preparedness Matters** organization, Mr. Davis works with community groups empowering the underserved to prepare themselves through education, training and innovative solutions. He and his wife Maria reside in the San Diego area.