Session 1B
Understanding NFPA 3000 - Standard for an Active Shooter/Hostile Event Response (ASHER) Program

As more hostile events continue to occur around the world, it is critical for first responders, emergency personnel, facility managers, hospitals, community members, and others to have the information they need to be prepared when attacks occur. NFPA has developed a new standard – NFPA 3000, Standard for Preparedness and Response to Active Shooter and/or Hostile Events – to address that need. The purpose of NFPA 3000 is to identify the minimum program elements necessary for organizing, managing, and sustaining an active shooter and/or hostile event response program and to reduce or eliminate the risks, effect, and impact on an organization or community affected by these events. This session will serve as an overview of the standard and provide insight into some of the challenges that will face building owners and AHJs as we begin developing the systems and processes to comply with the requirements of the standard.

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Kyle Smith has more than 25 years of experience in fire protection. As the lead hazardous materials consultant for Telgian Engineering & Consulting (TEC) he prepares and submits hazardous materials and high-piled storage plans and supervises the HazMat team and program. He also coordinates sprinkler design requirements by interacting with Authorities Having Jurisdiction to ensure code compliance and approval for various permits.

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