

Speaker Biographies



Peter LaPorte
Director of Emergency Management
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Peter LaPorte is a recognized leader in the emergency management field, with over 20 years of experience in state and local public safety. He has held positions as a Senior instructor at the National Transit Institute, Senior Associate at the Olson Group, Ltd, Executive Director of the Columbia Emergency Management Agency, Executive Director of the Chief of Staff of Administration for the New York City Police Department, and Chief of Staff of Administration for the New York City Police Department. He has vast experience in creative problem solving methods, crisis management, continuity of operations, strategic legislative and media outreach, and communications. The first co-chairman of the National Emergency Management Association's Terrorism Committee, Mr. LaPorte has coordinated nine Presidential-declared disaster including flooding, blizzards, Hurricane Isabel, and the Washington District's response to the 9-11 events and subsequent anthrax threats. Mr. LaPorte received a Juris Doctor from the New England School of Law, and a B.S. in Criminal Justice from Northeastern University. He became the Director of the Metro Transit Police Department's Office of Emergency Management in December 2008.

