

## **IAEM/MAEMP Spring Conference - Speaker Bios**

### **Kurt N. Schwartz – Massachusetts Undersecretary of Public Safety**

Kurt N. Schwartz was appointed Undersecretary of Law Enforcement and Fire Services by Governor Patrick in 2007. He is responsible for providing strategic leadership to the Massachusetts State Police, Department of Fire Services, Governor's Highway Safety Board, Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency, Municipal Police Training Committee and Department of Public Safety. Mr. Schwartz also focuses on policy and legislation in the areas of law enforcement, fire services and emergency management.

Prior to his appointment at the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, Mr. Schwartz served for eight years as an Assistant Attorney General. He was Chief of the Criminal Bureau. Mr. Schwartz has also served for eight years as Chief of the Special Investigations Unit for the Middlesex County District Attorney's Office. Mr. Schwartz has worked as a full-time police officer in Massachusetts, and as an emergency medical technician.

### **Paul F. Ford - Acting Regional Administrator, FEMA Region I**

Since 2007, Paul Ford has served as the Deputy Regional Administrator for FEMA Region I, including the six New England states.

Mr. Ford joined FEMA in 1992. He began as a Natural Hazards Program Specialist in the Mitigation Division. He later coordinated the Project Impact Program and its successor the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program. He also served as the National Flood Insurance Program Regional Insurance Liaison and the Floodplain Management Coordinator.

In 2006 Mr. Ford became Regional Emergency Analyst working directly for the Regional Administrator until taking his current position. He also recently served as the Acting Deputy Regional Administrator in FEMA Region II in New York concurrently with his position in Region I.

Mr. Ford has also served on many disaster assignments in his tenure at FEMA, including Hurricane Andrew, the 1993 Midwest Floods and numerous events in New England.

### **Jason McNama – Chief of Staff – Federal Emergency Management Agency Headquarters**

Jason McNamara was most recently an Associate Vice President and the Director of Emergency Management/Homeland Security for Dewberry & Davis LLC. His career spans more than 15 years of staff-level and supervisory experience in emergency management legislation, policy, planning and operations, including eight years with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

Prior to joining Dewberry, Mr. McNamara served as a Professional Staff Member for the U.S. House Select Committee on Homeland Security, leading the Democratic staff efforts for the Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness and Response. Jason has worked on a number of key emergency management legislation issues including the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 and the Port and Maritime Security Act of 2000.

Mr. McNamara served as the Acting Chief of the Interagency and Catastrophic Planning Section at FEMA. In this role, he managed day-to-day Federal response planning activities with all Federal Response Plan signatory agencies, and implemented changes and additions to the Federal Response Plan. He was detailed to the White House to serve as an advisor and liaison for the Y2K transition. He has also served as Operations Section Chief for the National Emergency Support Team in response to the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, agency liaison officer to the Capitol Police in response to the Anthrax attacks and worked field assignments for the Oklahoma City Bombing, Hurricane Opal, the Northridge Earthquake and numerous other floods and hurricanes.

### **Thomas Hines – Administration Section Chief – Massachusetts DMAT-1**

Tom Hines has worked in public safety for the last 23 years. He is currently working as a Fire Lieutenant/Paramedic for the City of Lynn, Massachusetts Fire Department. Tom has also held the position of chairman for the City of Lynn's Local Emergency Planning Committee. He also served as firefighter/paramedic, EMS Coordinator, Communications Officer, and Safety Officer for the City of Lynn Fire Department.

Prior to joining the Fire Service, Tom has served as an EMT-Basic, paramedic, field supervisor and Director of Operations for various EMS services. He has been a Group Leader and Operations Officer and is currently the Administrative Section Chief for the Massachusetts –1 Disaster Medical Assistance Team (DMAT) under the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). He has deployed multiple times since 1993 including to Louisiana for Hurricane Katrina in 2005 and to Haiti in 2010 for the earthquake. He was also the Team Leader for the joint FBI/Boston DMAT tactical medical support program for three years. Tom also served as a Disaster Medical Advisor in the nation of Turkey for Project HOPE/U.S. AID during the Earthquake of 1999.

### **Brad Blake – Director of New Media, Massachusetts Governor’s Office**

Brad Blake oversees Governor Patrick’s Web and Social Media efforts including Twitter, online video and photos, blogs, moderating and responding to feedback, and developing media rollouts. In addition to his direct work with the Governor’s Office, Brad consults internally, from working one on one with a cabinet secretary on setting up and managing a blog or twitter to helping an entire agency achieve better transparency and engagement through video or social networks. He also drives collaboration with the state’s Information Technology Division in addressing security, infrastructure, privacy, public records, copyright, accessibility, terms of use, archiving, etc. to give other government agencies solid guidance and best practices around implementation, policy changes, and safe use of social media tools and technologies.

### **Valerie McKay – Massachusetts Information Technology Division**

Valerie McKay is the Lead Information Architect for the Mass.Gov portal. A former librarian, she has a strong background in usability, findability, and web accessibility, as well as Web 2.0 technologies. In this role she has coordinated web publishing on the Mass.Gov portal with MEMA (Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency) and EOPS (Executive Office of Public Safety) for the Commonwealth during several weather related emergencies.

### **Dr. Gregory Dworkin, MD – Danbury Hospital**

Dr. Dworkin is Chief of Pediatric Pulmonology and Medical Director of the Pediatric Inpatient Unit at Danbury Hospital in Danbury CT, where he has been in clinical practice for eighteen years. He serves on the Danbury city and school Pandemic Flu Task Forces. He holds academic appointments as Clinical Assistant Professor of Pediatrics at New York Medical College and Adjunct Assistant Clinical Professor of Allied Health Science at Quinnipiac College.

Dr. Dworkin is a founding editor of Flu Wiki ([www.fluwiki.info](http://www.fluwiki.info)) and its sister site, the Flu Wiki Forum ([www.newfluwiki2.com](http://www.newfluwiki2.com)); which have been viewed more than 2.5 million times and is cited for excellence by *Science* magazine, *Nature*, and the *Harvard Business Review*, and linked by local public health departments, NGOs and academic and media sources. Dr. Dworkin has lectured on the topic of Flu at numerous conferences and programs the CDC’s 2007 Leaders to Leaders Conference and at the Pandemic Influenza National Summit in June of 2007 sponsored by Department of Health and Human Services. He has participated in tabletop communication exercises with HHS Secretaries Mike Leavitt and Kathleen Sebelius and has been an observer and participant at pandemic drills at CDC in Atlanta and CT DPH tabletop exercises.

**Christopher Motiverdi – Deputy Director of Emergency Management, City of Worcester**

Christopher Montiverdi is the Deputy Director of Emergency Management for the city of Worcester as well as the Program Manager for the Worcester Metropolitan Medical Response Systems Program. He has been actively involved in local, regional, and statewide health and medical preparedness planning since 2005. Prior to his current role, Chris was a Regional Hospital Preparedness Coordinator for the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, focusing on medical and surge preparedness planning for the healthcare facilities and EMS within the central region. Chris currently sits on the Regional Homeland Security Council, the Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee, the Region 2 Public Health Preparedness Coalition, the Statewide ESF-6 Mass Care and Sheltering Committee, and the FEMA Region 1 Regional Interagency Steering Committee. He also chairs the regional Mass Casualty Incident planning Committee and the Central Region Pandemic/Sheltering/Mass Care Committee. Chris is active in his local health department where he serves as an elected Board of Health member and has worked as a Nationally Registered EMT-Paramedic for the past 15 years.

**Robert Connors – Director of Preparedness and Crisis Management, Raytheon Company**

Bob Connors is director of preparedness for Raytheon Company. In this role, he is primarily responsible for the enterprise wide business continuity and crisis management program. He has over 27 years of experience that includes systems programming, systems analysis, business continuity/crisis management, manufacturing, infrastructure deployment, project management and process management.

He is a member of the FEMA National Advisory Council, Defense Industrial Base Sector Coordinating Council, US Chamber National Security Task Force and Infragard. He is an ABCHS Certified Homeland Security Specialist and Certified Business Continuity Professional.