

Ryan Turner, CEM
Division Chief of Emergency Management and Safety
City of Henderson (Nevada) Fire Department



Ryan Turner was named the Division Chief of Emergency Management and Safety for the City of Henderson, Nevada in October 2011, and also fills the key role of Emergency Management Coordinator. He administers, directs, manages and coordinates the activities and operations of the City's Emergency Management and Safety Division and spearheads issues of homeland security.

Ryan began his career with Lake Mead Fire Management, National Park Service in 2005. He performed firefighting tasks on an engine crew, logistics, fuel crew, and obtained and worked as an EMT Intermediate. After Hurricane Katrina, Ryan was inspired to enter the emergency management field and started working for the American Red Cross in October of 2006.

At the American Red Cross, Ryan served as the Southern Nevada Chapter's Emergency Services Manager and Health and Safety Manager. He was responsible for managing emergency service activities which included disaster services, services to the Armed Forces, health and safety, and international services. Ryan managed 400 volunteers throughout Clark, Nye, Lincoln and Esmeralda counties in Nevada and deployed to Washington D.C. to work in the Red Cross' Disaster Operation Center, assisting with mass care and government liaison activities for hurricanes Gustav and Ike.

Ryan next served as the first Emergency Preparedness Coordinator for University Medical Center of Southern Nevada (UMCSN) in December of 2009. The only County-operated hospital in Southern Nevada, UMCSN is also the only Level 1 Trauma Center and Burn Care Center. During his tenure, Ryan developed and oversaw the Medical Surge Area Command that coordinated hospital activity for Southern Nevada area hospitals during large-scale disasters.

Ryan has a Bachelor of Science degree in Public Emergency Services Management, graduating Magna Cum Laude and an Associate of Applied Science degree in Fire Science Technology – Urban Fire Fighting, graduating with High Honors. He obtained his Certified Emergency Managers designation from the International Association of Emergency Managers and graduated from Harvard University's National Preparedness Leadership Initiative. Ryan currently serves as President of the Nevada Emergency Preparedness Association.