Seven Deadly Sins of Emergency Management

ABSTRACT

Why do we see very similar issues raised in most after-action reviews after disasters? The Seven Deadly Sin presentation looks at seven areas that lead to failed outcomes during disasters. Based on over 30 years managing disaster responses at the local, state, and federal Levels, the presentation looks at common themes, observations, and lessons learned by the presenter. The goal of the presentation is for the audience to challenge their assumptions on how to prepare their communities for disaster.

BIO


Fugate led FEMA through multiple record-breaking disaster years and oversaw the Federal Government’s response to major events such as the Joplin and Moore Tornadoes, Hurricane Sandy, Hurricane Matthew, and the 2016 Louisiana flooding. Fugate set a clear and compelling vision, mission, and priorities for FEMA and relentlessly drove the agency to achieve better outcomes for survivors.

FEMA’s effectiveness in dealing with more than 500 Presidentially-declared major disasters and emergencies under Fugate’s leadership restored the faith of the American people in the federal government’s ability to respond to disasters. Prior to his tenure at FEMA, Fugate was widely praised for his management, under Governor Jeb Bush, of the devastating effects of the 2004 and 2005 Florida hurricane seasons (Charley, Frances, Ivan, Jeanne, Dennis, Katrina, and Wilma).

Fugate currently serves as the Chief Emergency Management Officer at One Concern and runs his own emergency management consulting and advocacy practice.