



Emergency Communications and Response Summit

February 26th, 2026

Fairfax County Department of Public Safety Communications (9-1-1)
4890 Alliance Drive, Fairfax, VA 22030

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM	Coffee and Registration
9:00 AM – 9:30 AM	Opening Remarks and Welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Maria Cardiellos, Executive Director IJIS Institute○ Scott Brillman, Director Fairfax County Department of Public Safety Communications (9-1-1)○ Ed Craig, Chair IJIS Institute Emergency Communications and Response Advisory Committee
9:30 AM – 10:30 AM	Panel 1 - Changing Workforce Best Practices - What are some of the best practices and lessons learned from the Emergency Communication Centers to address the changing workforce? <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Dru Clarke, ENP, Assistant Director of Operations - Fairfax County Department of Public Safety Communications (Moderator)○ Jess Loos, ENP, CPE, RPL, Emergency Communications Head, City of Lincoln Police Department, Nebraska○ Kaytie Carroll, Director, Prince William County Public Safety Communications○ Tamara Bell, Managing Director, Southwest Regional Communications Center, Texas○ Tina Buneta, Director, Aurora 9-1-1 Colorado
10:30 AM – 10:45 AM	BREAK
10:45 AM – 11:30 AM	Panel 2 - Funding for Public Safety Agencies – With lots of uncertainty around federal funding, this panel will discuss how public safety agencies need to have out-of-the-box thinking pursue funding and sustain their operations. <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Ben Bawden, Partner, Brooks Bawden Moore (BBM)
11:30 AM – 1:00 PM	LUNCH
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM	Panel 3 – Need for Resiliency – How the issues of Resiliency and continuity of operations are being addressed at the local and regional level? <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Bob Finney, Director of Communications Technology for the Collier County Sheriff's Office in Naples, Florida○ Jim Lake, Director, Charleston County Consolidated Emergency Communications Center, South Carolina○ Sonny Saxton, Director, Emergency Management & Communications, Fort Worth, Texas○ Bonnie Maney, Subject Matter Expert, Mission Critical Partners (MCP)
2:00 PM – 3:00 PM	Panel 4 – Interoperability Standards Validation - Interoperability within Emergency Communications and Response can be a life-and-death situation to access to systems, data, etc. We have long-promote interoperability standards, but what are we doing to validate solutions to demonstrate interoperability? <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Ashwini Jarral, Senior Advisor, IJIS Institute (Moderator)○ Ed Craig, Chief Technology Officer, Smart Response Technologies (SRT)○ Matthew Harwell, Emergency Communications Operations Manager, Lincoln Emergency Communication Center, Nebraska○ Steve McMurrer, 9-1-1 Systems Administrator, Fairfax County, VA Dept of Public Safety Communications, Virginia

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- **Jeff Wobbleton**, Public Safety Communications and Emergency Management, Arlington Virginia
 - **Jeff Cohen**, Founder, MountainPeak Strategies LLC

3:00 PM – 3:15 PM **BREAK**

3:15 PM – 4:00 PM **Panel 5 – Artificial Intelligence (Practical Use Cases)** – How AI is currently being used in the Emergency Communications Centers to manage communications and response?

- **Scott Brillman**, Director of Operations - Fairfax County Department of Public Safety Communications (**Moderator**)
- **D.T. Donaldson**, The Multi Agency Communications Center Grant County, Washington State
- **Dru Clarke** ENP, Assistant Director of Operations - Fairfax County Department of Public Safety Communications, Virginia
- **Timothy Kane**, Operations Manager, Public Safety Communications and Emergency Management, Arlington Virginia

4:00 PM – 4:45 PM **Panel 6 – Emergency Communication Center (ECC) and Real Time Crime Center (RTCC) Integration** – With public safety agencies standing up Real Time Crime Centers across the nation it is important that ECC's and RTCC's coordinate their response by integrating their technologies and response.

- **Jeff Cohen**, Founder, MountainPeak Strategies LLC (**Moderator**)
- **Major Bull Hudson**, Real Time Crime Center, Fairfax County Police Department, Virginia
- **Tenea Reddick**, 9-1-1 Director, Baltimore City, Maryland
- **Todd Brown**, Commander, Special Operations Division, Castle Rock Police Department

4:45 PM – 5:00 PM **Closing Comments and Adjourn**

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