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The EM Summit is back! And have we got a lineup for you!
Please join us April 15, 2021 for our 7th Summit – guaranteed to be a highly interactive virtual event

*** 9:00am - 10:00am - An Overview of State Emergency Response Teams**

(Tom McDonough, State Response Teams Coordinator, MN State Fire Marshal's Office)

Explore the resources available to public safety agencies and communities throughout Minnesota when they need outside support and technical assistance to respond to situations involving suspicious packages, hazardous substances, collapsed structures, wide-area searches, rescues from difficult locations, and many other scenarios.

*** 10:30am - 11:30am - Emergency Public Information: Tips & Tricks for Working with Media**

(Amber Schindeldecker, Public Information Officer, MN Department of Public Safety)

What if you are asked to provide an interview after a disaster in your community? What would you say? What would you start? Listen as a seasoned public information officer shares her experience working with the media in a wide variety of scenarios, and her thoughts on ensuring your experience goes well and your community's story is accurately shared.

*** 12:00pm - 1:00pm - Roles & Responsibilities of Elected Officials & Senior Leaders**

(Patrick Waletzko, Emergency Management Director, Otter Tail County)

2020 brought a pandemic, the year's most severe tornado, heavy rain, and high waters to communities of Otter Tail County, putting many elected officials and senior leaders in the uncomfortable position of making some

unfamiliar decisions. Join in a discussion as we review the emergency management system throughout Minnesota and Otter Tail County, the day to day emergency management duties assumed by senior officials, the roles community leaders and policy makers can take on before, during, and following an incident.

*** 1:30pm - 3:00pm - "Operation: Through the Haze " A Facilitated Scenario-Based Exercise**

Focusing on:

- Incident Management & Coordination
- Local, Regional & State Resources Available to Assist
- Roles & Responsibilities of Elected Officials & Senior Leaders
- Public Information & Media Relations

And join us before each session for

*Emergency Management Trivia

*A Look Behind the Scenes

* Virtual Networking

Information on how to connect to each session will be provided on April 12, 2021

No Registration Necessary! Join us when you can. Leave when you need to!

Questions?

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