

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

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Carl is an acknowledged leader in the area of natural and man-made disasters, including the dynamics of risk modeling, strategies for risk mitigation, and innovation in response and recovery. Combined experience from the private sector, academia, and consulting all contribute to a broad based background focused on the development and deployment of next generation strategies for knowledge based disaster management. Carl is the creator of AIMS, a leading disaster situational awareness tool, which has grown from 7 users to nearly 1,000 within nine years and AMS a disaster management solution for low and middle-income countries. Under Carl's direction the Center for Strategic Health Innovation at the University of South Alabama College of Medicine won both the Southern Growth Policy Boards' Innovator Award for Health Care and the Council of State Government Southern Legislative Conferences' Innovation of the Year Award for Health Care. Carl has received commendations for his leadership from both the United States Senate and the Governor of Louisiana for his work in responding during Hurricane Katrina. The Center developed the Advanced Regional Response Training Center, which to date has trained over 10,000 public health and hospital disaster professionals in all facets of disaster preparedness and response. In 2010 Carl was named the Principal Investigator and Executive Director for the creation of the National Center for Disaster Medical Response. The Center provides leadership to HHS, State Health Departments, and others on national and international disasters. Carl served on the CDC Team B for the Deep-water Horizon Gulf Oil Spill. Since leaving the University, he now serves as Executive Director of the Fraser Institute for Health and Risk Analytics. Fraser provides guidance in disaster risk management to large insurers, private sector companies and the World Bank. His current work on behalf of the World Bank is designing new approaches for dealing with extreme global risks including pandemics in the Middle East and Africa.

Finally, as CEO of XCH, he and his Kenyan team are dedicated to enhancing disaster preparedness and response. XCH provides the systems and planning to enhance response-ability to events including Ebola in Africa, MERS in the Middle East and earthquakes in Nepal.

He is a chapter author on Disaster Management in the recently released book called "Getting It Done".

He holds an undergraduate degree from Marshall University and a Juris Doctor from the University of Miami.

Most recent talks include:

Bugs, Barriers and Borders- on behalf of the World Bank- Marseille, France

Preparing for Extreme Risk- on behalf of the International Crisis Communication Conference- Orlando, Florida

The Flaws of Hazard Vulnerability Analysis- on behalf of KAU- Jeddah, Saudi Arabia

Surge Capacity Management -on behalf of KAU- Jeddah, Saudi Arabia

Challenges in Cyber Risk Response- on behalf of the MESH Coalition- Indianapolis, Indiana

Bugs, Barriers and Borders- on behalf of the International Emergency Management Society- Portland, Oregon

Upcoming Talks:

Healthcare Innovations- on behalf of the University of Hawaii- Honolulu, Hawaii

The Flaws of Hazard Vulnerability Analysis in Predicting Extreme Risk- on behalf of the International Emergency Management Society- Rome, Italy

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J. Stephan Jones

Stephan Jones has been with AnMed Health for 8 years as the Safety Operations Manager. In this position, he has responsibilities for emergency preparedness, worker safety and worker's compensation. Prior to this role he worked in counseling and staff development for the South Carolina Department of Mental Health. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Francis Marion University.

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Jason Krusen

Jason Krusen is the Special Operations Chief for the Columbia Fire Department in Columbia, SC, with over 20 years of experience, and has an Associate's Degree in Fire Service Administration. He is the Coordinator for the Midlands MMRS Program, and a Planning Manager with State Urban Search and Rescue Team, SC-TF1. He is the Team Coordinator for the Columbia Fire Department's Type II Collapse Search & Rescue Team, and the Type I WMD Haz-Mat Team. Jason is also the Project Manager and Instructor for E-Med Training Services, LLC, based in Columbia, SC, specializing in First Receiver Operations Training. He is the President for the Fire Smoke Coalition, an organization focused on training first responders on the dangers of fire smoke.

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Linda Ligenza

Linda Ligenza is the Clinical Services Director for the National Council for Behavioral Health and has expertise in helping organizations become trauma-informed. She was formerly with SAMHSA as the disaster trauma expert and lead for the FEMA-funded crisis counseling program in the Traumatic Stress Services Branch. She served as advisor to the SAMHSA Administrator, U.S. Surgeon General, and Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services on issues related to the Gulf Coast oil spill. Ligenza is a licensed clinical social worker who spent 20 years prior to working for SAMHSA with the New York State Office of Mental Health where she was involved in the coordination of the New York City mental health response for families affected by 9/11. Ligenza also works within the Center for Integrated Health Solutions where she provides technical assistance to organizations integrating primary care and behavioral health. As faculty to the National Council's Trauma-Informed Care Learning Communities, Ligenza has led many behavioral health organizations toward developing a culture of trauma-informed care.

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Byron R. Mason

Byron R. Mason is a Program Analyst within the Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS) Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response's (ASPR) Division of Recovery. He serves as HHS' lead disaster recovery point-of-recovery for federal regions 4 – which includes Florida – and 9. Following Hurricane Sandy's landfall in October 2012, he spent five months in New Jersey coordinating the first full implementation of the National Disaster Recovery Framework's Health and Social Services Recovery Support Function. Prior to joining HHS ASPR, Mr. Mason worked at FEMA in the Recovery Directorate's Public Assistance Program where he developed disaster assistance policies and guidance and staffed disasters at the FEMA Headquarters National Response **Coordination Center and in the field in Oklahoma, Iowa, Louisiana, Texas, Maine, Massachusetts,** and New York. Mr. Mason is a graduate of the University of Florida, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology before earning a Master's in Legislative Affairs from George Washington University.

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Rae H. Wooten, BSN

Ms. Wooten was born, raised and educated in Columbia, South Carolina before moving to the Charleston area in 1973. She graduated from the University of South Carolina with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing and subsequently worked as a registered nurse in various settings before joining the Charleston County Coroner's Office in April, 1995. She became Chief Deputy in July, 1996 and continued in that position until October 15, 2006 when she was appointed by the Governor to serve as Coroner after the previous coroner's resignation on August 31, 2006. On November 10, 2008 she was elected to serve a four year term as Charleston County Coroner and re-elected in November 2012 for an additional four year term.

As a forensic nurse death investigator working in the Charleston County Coroner's Office she has investigated many deaths, of all types, to include numerous infant and child deaths. These investigations include scene investigation, interviewing of relevant individuals, review of medical, social and legal records, ordering of and attendance at autopsies, etc. As Coroner, completion of death certificates as to cause and manner of death is an important responsibility.

She plans, teaches and speaks regularly on topics associated with death investigation to audiences including medical/nursing personnel, law enforcement officers, social workers, attorneys and other death investigators. She is committed to improving education and training and to the development of prevention programs based on research

She holds a current nursing license in South Carolina, is a Fellow of the American Board of Medicolegal Death Investigators (ABMDI), is an associate member of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences (AAFS), serves as a member of the State Child Fatality Advisory Committee and is a member of a number of professional organizations to include the South Carolina Coroners' Association, the International Association of Coroners and Medical Examiners(IAC&ME) and the International Association of Forensic Nurses (IAFN). She was awarded the "Sue Townsend Award" in 2010 and the "Coroner of the Year Award" in 2012 by the South Carolina Coroner's Association.