

Mike Neelon

Mike Neelon is currently the Emergency Manager for Latah County, Idaho. While he has been in the position since July 2014, he is no stranger to the world of disasters. Mike started his career in Los Angeles, California while working on several 911 ambulances from 1986-1995. During the first decade of being a first responder, Mike worked within two disaster declarations: The 1992 Los Angeles Riots and the 1994 Northridge Earthquake.

In 2001, Mike moved to Moscow, Idaho, where he began working with the Latah County Sheriff's Office. Mike worked up the ranks from Jail Deputy to Patrol Corporal over 13 years before becoming the Emergency Manager for the County of over 40,000 residents. During his time at the Sheriff's Office, Mike was Second in Command as part of the Tactical Team and held such positions as Entry, Less Lethal and Special Munitions, and Team Medic.

While Mike started his adult teaching career back in the 1990's teaching the Basic Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) course, he expanded his knowledge and joined the the Idaho Office of Emergency Management (IOEM) instructor pool teaching such courses as Incident Commands System (ICS) 300 and ICS 400, G191 EOC/ICS Interface, G402 NIMS Overview for Senior Officials, G364 Multi-Hazard Emergency Planning for Schools, and parts of the FEMA's Basic Emergency Management Academy for the State of Idaho.

Mike also bring with him his background from being in two branches of the military, working with various volunteer groups like Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters (VOAD), Search and Rescue, Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), Auxiliary Communications (AUXCOMM) and Amateur Radio Emergency Services (ARES), as well as working with the Idaho Incident Management and Support Team. He is also a state Emergency Operations Center reservist.