

**Spencer Hawkins, CEM**  
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**Speaker Bio:**

Spencer Hawkins has spent 25 years as a professional emergency manager. In December of 2015, he was appointed as the Director of the Macon-Bibb County Emergency Management Agency. During his career, he has been involved in over 30 disaster activations, with 13 of those being hurricanes or tropical storms. Before coming to Macon-Bibb, he was Vice President of Crisis Management for PNC Bank, he spent four and half years working in Washington, DC for the Army and Navy and prior to that spent 10 years working in central Florida for Orange County Emergency Management, the Florida Department of Health Emergency Operations, and City of Orlando Emergency Management. He holds a master's degree in criminal justice and a bachelor's degree in public administration. Mr. Hawkins is a Certified Emergency Manager with the International Association of Emergency Managers and the State of Georgia, a graduate of the FEMA National Emergency Management Executive Academy and the FEMA Master Exercise Practitioner Program.

**Presentation:**

**Seasoned Practitioners have an Open Conversation on the 2024  
Hurricane Season**

The Southeast United States was struck with back-to-back major hurricanes in the early fall of this year. Seasoned emergency managers were put to the test as multiple states saw horrendous disasters strike in historic fashion. From Florida to Pennsylvania and every state in-between, we saw wind and rain events that left many of our citizens and communities devastated. In this open, unscripted conversation, we will hear from some of those emergency managers, giving lessons learned from this season which was like few others.