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Speaker Bio:

Suzanne Blake is a Certified Emergency Manager (CEM) with over 20 years of emergency management experience. She currently serves as the Director of Emergency Management at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) where she manages all aspects of MIT's emergency management program. She also serves as the Administrative Director for MIT EMS, MIT's student-run ambulance service. Prior to joining MIT, Ms. Blake worked as a Senior Emergency Management Consultant and the Higher Education Specialist for Witt O'Brien's, where she spent six years traveling across the country assisting more than 50 universities with their emergency management and continuity programs. Prior to joining Witt O'Brien's, Ms. Blake served as the first Emergency Manager for the University of North Carolina Wilmington after beginning her emergency management career in Washington, DC in October of 2001. Suzanne has completed the FEMA National Emergency Management Executive Academy, is a graduate of MIT's Leader to Leader program, and received an MIT Excellence Award for her work managing the COVID-19 pandemic. She holds a bachelor's degree from Georgetown University and a master's degree from Duke University.