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Speaker Bio:

Vernon Conaway has 39 years of experience in public safety, with the past 13 years focused on security management and emergency preparedness at M&T Bank Stadium and Oriole Park at Camden Yards. He has contributed to security best practices through his work on various advisory and certification committees, including those for the NFL and NCS4.

Prior to his current role, Vernon spent 26 years with the Maryland State Police, where he commanded the Criminal Investigation, Drug Enforcement, Homeland Security, and Intelligence Bureaus. He led the establishment of Maryland's three Regional Information Centers, a "hub and spoke" model that effectively supported the State's fusion center.

Vernon holds a Master of Science degree in Management from Johns Hopkins University, where he also taught as an adjunct professor in the Division of Public Safety for 10 years. He is a Certified Protection Professional (CPP) and a Certified Sport Security Professional (CSSP), recognized by Maryland courts as an expert in public safety and security issues.

Presentation:

Keeping America's Fans Safe: My Dream Position

Growing up many of us liked sports, music, and monster truck rallies. If we were lucky our parents took us to these events at big stadiums. Some of us wanted to be the next big professional athlete or rock star. As we grew up with these dreams, we all fell in love with the concept of helping others. Around our nation there are emergency managers that combine our loves by helping protect professional athletes and superstar musicians and the millions of fans that watch them perform in stadiums around our country. In this one-on-one conversation, Conference Chair Duane Hagelgans will discuss his dream position with the man who oversees

emergency management for the Maryland Stadium Authority's Camden Yards at Orioles Park and M & T Bank Stadium in Baltimore.