

PRESENTER BIOGRAPHIES

Jim Coyle holds a masters degree in counseling and has been a pastor for 24 years. He is a Founding Member of the Department of Homeland Security and has served as Chaplain and Mental Health Specialist at the national, state and local level. He has devoted his life to helping people transition through loss and trauma. Jim was on the Nevada 1DMAT (Disaster Medical Assistance Team) for 10 years before transferring to the Iowa 1DMAT team in 2005. Jim has been on several deployments and has extensive experience in mass fatality preparedness. Jim has also worked as a Chaplain at the University Medical Trauma Center along with the Metropolitan Police Department in Las Vegas, Nevada

From September thru December of 2005, Jim was instrumental in the MST (Management Support Team) for NDMS (National Disaster Medical System) in helping victims from Hurricanes Katrina and Rita in the Gulf Coast. His experience in this disaster ranged from Strike Teams in the field to the Family Assistance Center in Baton Rouge to the Morgue Operations at St Gabriel and Carville.

Jim is currently an adjunct professor at Kirkwood Community College, the Fitness Director at the YMCA, and the Senior Pastor of Ellis Community Church. His passion is helping people get to a better place physically, spiritually and emotionally.

Lisa LaDue, MSW, LISW is Senior Advisor and former Director and co-founder of the National Mass Fatalities Institute at Kirkwood Community College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. She holds a master's degree in social work and is an Iowa-licensed Independent Social Worker. She has been providing clinical social work and mental health services for over 25 years to those who have been impacted by traumatic events. Lisa lectures internationally on topics related to trauma, terrorism, mass fatalities and disaster planning and has been an active disaster mental health volunteer with the American Red Cross since 1996.

After the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, Lisa served as an American Red Cross Disaster Mental Health Coordinator for services at the Pentagon and the Pentagon Family Assistance Center. In November 2001, she coordinated Red Cross disaster mental health services at a service center on New York's Staten Island. Lisa co-authored two articles in a special supplement of *Journal of Military Medicine*, focusing on the disaster response to the Pentagon attack and is a co-author of a chapter, "Rapid Establishment of a Family Assistance Center", in *Interventions Following Mass Violence and Disasters: Strategies for Mental Health Practice*.

In January, 2005, Lisa responded to the needs of victims of the Indian Ocean Tsunami, working for three weeks in Khao Lak, Thailand with a team of trauma specialists from the Trauma Outreach Program (TOP) sponsored by the Foundation for Human Enrichment. She was the co-leader of a team of trauma specialists to Tamil Nadu, India, in June, 2005, providing trauma recovery services to tsunami survivors suffering from persistent post traumatic stress symptoms.

Following Hurricane Katrina, Lisa responded as a Mental Health Specialist with the FEMA Iowa-1 Disaster Medical Assistance Team to Bay St. Louis, Mississippi where the team established and maintained a field hospital for hurricane survivors. In February, 2006 Lisa traveled to New Orleans with another TOP team providing Trauma First Aid training to crisis counselors, outreach workers and fire fighter peer counselors.

John Linstrom is the President & Executive Director of *The LINCO Group*. He manages the daily activities of the company's efforts in planning, consulting and creating various distance learning courses for emergency response personnel. John was previously a corporate Vice President and Director of Education for the Fire and Emergency Training Network (FETN) and the host of the *American Heat* television program at Primedia Workplace Learning in Dallas, Texas.

John is a Lecturer for the Academy of Counter-terrorism Education at Louisiana State University and is also an adjunct instructor for the National Fire Academy. He is a graduate of the National Executive Fire Officer Program. He holds a B.S. degree in Fire Administration and also holds A.S. degrees in both Fire Technology and Paramedic Science. John frequently presents at conferences, seminars and regional course deliveries throughout North America.

John is an appointed Battalion Chief and Paramedic Coordinator for the Apple Valley Fire District in Southern California. He is a member of the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) and was recently appointed to the Education Committee of the California State Firefighter's Association (CSFA). Chief Linstrom is active with two Federal disaster response teams. He serves as Commander of Region IX of the National Disaster Medical System's Disaster Mortuary Operational Response Team (DMORT) and is a member of California Task Force 6 of the National Urban Search & Rescue Response Program under FEMA. He is an Associate of the International Emergency Technical Rescue Institute (IETRI) headquartered in Glasgow, Scotland.

His experience with public Fire and EMS agencies spans 25 years. Chief Linstrom has served as a Fire District elected Director and Division Chief. He also has held the position of Deputy, Assistant and Interim Fire Chief in North Texas from 1993-1999