

IMWCA ONE-DAY UNIVERSITY AGENDA



Speaker Bios

9 a.m. – 10 a.m.

Before You Yell “Timber” - Know the Hazards

Mark Runkel
Iowa Arborists
Association

10 a.m. – 11 a.m.

LEARN

Connie is the account manager for IMWCA with over three years of experience with NeoGov Learn and 14 years total working with IMWCA and their Members. She currently works with customers by providing them training, support, and implementation consultation for Learn.

Connie Beaver
NeoGov

11 a.m. – noon

First Responder Mental Health

Chris Scott has been in law enforcement for over 23 years, serving the Cities of Indianola, Des Moines, and was appointed as Chief of Police for the City of West Des Moines in December of 2017.

Scott has held numerous assignments throughout his career, including Patrol Officer, D.A.R.E Instructor, Defensive Tactics Instructor, School Resource Officer, Neighborhood Officer, Special Weapons and Tactics Operator, Academy Instructor and Field Training Officer.

Frank Prowant is the Deputy Chief of Administrative Services for the City of Ankeny Fire Department. He has been involved in emergency services as a paramedic, service director, quality improvement manager and educator since 1977.

His background includes working with volunteer, private, hospital and fire department-based EMS systems. Frank has been involved with Critical Incident Stress Management for over 30 years, working with providers in critical incident defusing, debriefings and functions as a member of the Ankeny Fire Department Peer Support Team.


Clay Garcia started his medical career as a medic with the U.S. Navy and United States Marine Corps and was deployed twice. Joined Clive Fire Department in 2009 as a part-time firefighter/paramedic. I've worked for the Windsor Heights Fire Department, Dallas County EMS, and the Norwalk Fire Department in full-time capacities. I currently serve as Clive's Assistant Fire Chief/Marshal.

About three years ago, my interest in mental health peaked when I had three members that I had served with commit suicide. After that, I started a nonprofit that promotes mental health and suicide prevention for veterans and first responders. As part of my mental health interest, I also implemented a Proactive Annual Check In (PAC) for the Clive Fire Department.

Chris Scott
West Des Moines

Frank Prowant
Ankeny

Clay Garcia
Clive



1 p.m. – 2 p.m.

Prepare for the Worst: Preplanning Safe Spaces for Elected Officials and Staff

Decker Ploehn is a graduate of St. Ambrose University in Davenport, Iowa with a B.A. in Criminal Justice, and a graduate of the FBI National Academy, Quantico, Virginia, and the National Crime Prevention Institute at the University of Louisville and the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy.


Decker has been the Bettendorf City Administrator since 1990. He also served the City as Chief of Police from 1986 through 1990 and prior to that held positions of Detective Sergeant, Detective, and Patrolman and started his career with the city in 1975.

Police Chief Keith Kimball received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice Sciences from Illinois State University in 1989. He joined the Bettendorf Police Department in 1990 and is a graduate of the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy. He has served with the Bettendorf Police Department for over 32 years.

During his career, he has served in the Patrol Division, was a D.A.R.E. Officer, a School Resource Officer, and was assigned to the Investigative Services Bureau. Additional responsibilities have included being an evidence technician, field training officer, and firearms instructor. He had been a member of the Emergency Response Unit since 1994 and served as an operator, sniper, and team leader. In May 2018, he was appointed as Chief of Police for the Bettendorf Police Department.

Decker Ploehn
Bettendorf

Police Chief
Keith Kimball
Bettendorf



2 p.m.- 3 p.m.

Stop the Bleed

Mike Thomason
Dallas County EMS

Mike Thomason is the Director of Emergency Medical Services for Dallas County. He started his career as teacher, then became a paramedic. When he became full-time at Dallas County, he was the training officer, then assistant director before becoming the director in 2012.