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“Lessons Learned”

Speaker Biography

Louis Trammell

Lou became Director of the Arizona Division of Emergency Management in September 2006. The Division is part of the Department of Emergency and Military Affairs (DEMA), and the lead state agency that provides direction and control of state emergency response operations during emergencies and disasters.

Lou had previously served the Division as Deputy Director and Assistant Director for the previous fifteen years. He supervises four assistant directors responsible for disaster preparedness, response and recovery, mitigation and logistics and the Executive Director of the Arizona Emergency Response Commission. Since being with the Division he has participated in the response and recovery for 74 state and federal emergencies and disasters.

Lou was awarded the “Arizona Distinguished Service Medal” in 2007 for outstanding leadership in the direction, planning and participation of Arizona in the national TOPOFF 4 exercise. He was recognized as Arizona’s “Emergency Manager of the Year” by the Arizona Emergency Services Association in 1999 and 2006 and in 2005 as the “Supervisor of the Year” for the Department of Emergency and Military Affairs.

Lou serves as the Chairman of the Arizona State Emergency Response Commission (AZSERC), a Co-Chair on the Emergency Management Committee of the Arizona-Mexico Commission, a Councilman on the Arizona Sonora Border Security Council, and a Councilman on the FEMA Region IX Regional Advisory Council.

Lou retired in 1991 from the U.S. Army as a Lieutenant Colonel after twenty-three years of service. He served as a Combat Weapons Developer for armor forces and Instructor Pilot and Flight Examiner serving combat aviation tours in Southeast Asia and Central America. He is a licensed commercial pilot and certified open-sea diver.

He received an MBA from Central Michigan University in 1981, received a BS degree in Aeronautical Engineering from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in 1977, and is a graduate of the U.S. Army’s Command and General Staff College and the Defense Language Institute.