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“Lessons Learned”

Speaker Biography

Pete Weaver

Growing up in rural New York State, northeast of Buffalo, Pete is a survivor of the Blizzards of '77 & '78. As a teen, he assisted other locals during the weeklong storm events that produced snowdrifts as tall as telephone poles, engulfing as many as 20 vehicles in a drift - food supplies and medicines were ordered via CB radio and delivered by snowmobile. People survived with help from each other.....maybe this was an inkling of things ahead.

Deciding he'd had enough of the snow, Pete now resides in Mesa Arizona - from the freezer to the frying pan – referring to the weather of course.

Pete is a graduate of Wilson Central High School, has a 2-year Vocational Degree in Diesel and Heavy Equipment Repair, an Associates Degree in Business from Niagara County Community College, a Bachelors Degree in Business Management from the University of Phoenix and holds a Certified Public Manager (CPM) Certification through Arizona State University. Pete has also successfully completed the FEMA Professional Development series of classes. He holds a Certified Emergency Manager (CEM) Program Certificate from the International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM). Just recently, he has also earned the Certified Floodplain Manager (CFM) designation through the Association of State Floodplain Managers, Inc., Certified Board of Regents. Currently, is completing course work toward a Masters Degree.

He has been directly involved with several presidential declared disasters since accepting the Director of Emergency Management/LEPC Coordinator position in Pinal County shortly after September 11, 2001.

Pete received the 2005 Arizona Emergency Services Association (AESA) Award of Excellence and is currently serving as President for the association.

His hobbies include woodworking, golf, fishing, hunting & bowling.