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Alumni



CONRAD T. "CHUCK" KEARNS
BA, POLITICAL SCIENCE '80
MBA, BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
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Conrad Kearns, MBA, Paramedic, A-EMD, has been a dynamic presence in public safety and EMS for over 30 years. Born in New York City, he began his career as a Florida open-water lifeguard in 1981, became Chief of the County Beach Patrol, and was certified as an EMT two years later. He rose to Director of Pinellas County EMS & Fire Administration and has been certified as an Advanced Emergency Medical Dispatcher (A-EMD) and a rescue diver. Kearns is nationally recognized as an operations efficiency expert and skilled financial manager with expert knowledge in disaster preparedness, response and mitigation.

Providing visionary, astute leadership to agencies in both the public and private sectors, Kearns has deployed to numerous hurricane and wildfire disasters. Additionally, he frequently staffs Emergency Operations Center command desks during catastrophes.

Consistently rendering award-winning service, Kearns has earned many accolades, among them: Florida Department of Health EMS Lifetime Achievement Award (2005); Lifesaving Award from U.S. President Ronald Reagan (1986) for rescuing five individuals from drowning; and the Florida Distinguished Service Award (from Governor Lawton Chiles, 1999).

Currently, Kearns is working with a large ambulance provider in integrating multiple regional ambulance services in the Midwest. A tireless advocate for EMS practitioners and issues affecting EMS, Kearns is also the president of National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians (NAEMT) Board of Directors.

"I greatly enjoyed my political philosophy classes with Dr. Regis Factor and Literature classes with Dr. Harriet Deer. There were many Student Activities fun times organized by Sudsy!"



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