

Bryan Thomas

PROFILE

To obtain a position as Senior Regional Planner (Department Of Emergency Management And Regional Security)

EXPERIENCE: As an Emergency Management Coordinator, my professional expertise entails leading and coordinating teams during natural calamities and public health emergencies while interacting with federal, state, and local government agencies. I am adept at developing and leading multiple emergency preparedness exercises and tabletops. My expertise in emergency preparedness and response strategies has enabled me to establish strong partnerships with key stakeholders, including government agencies, private organizations, and non-profit entities. In my role, I have successfully managed complex and multifaceted emergency situations by leveraging my skills in risk assessment, crisis management, and resource allocation.

LEADERSHIP: Strategic thinker who solves complex problems based on an understanding of policies/procedures and good decision-making skills.

QUALIFICATIONS

Report Analysis

- Hazard Mitigation
- Planning Skills
- Project Management
- Quality Control
- Communication Skills
- Data &
- HazMat Disasters
- Staff Supervision
- Training & Coaching

SECURITY CLEARANCE

Secret, Dept of Defense (2017-Present) [Top Secret Aug 2025]

EXPERIENCE

Cook County Emergency Management Regional Security
Cook County, Illinois 11/2024

Senior Regional Planner

Assist the Bureau/Department staff with the development of capabilities/resource assessments and plan to aid the efficient deployment of critical assets and mass evacuation efforts during a catastrophic event. Assist with the development of emergency management plans for mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery from an "all hazards" perspective for the City of Chicago and County, State, and Federal agencies. Assist not-for-profit and private sector organizations to ensure the development of regional community approaches to emergency preparedness to address catastrophic incidents. Assist with programmatic related assessments performed by contractors of specific regional capabilities in areas such as evacuation, mass care and sheltering, logistics and resource management, mass casualty and mass fatality, special needs populations, threat and hazard identification, communications and information sharing, and medical surge. Answer questions related to emergency planning and address non-standard issues.

- Function as the planning contact for all Regional Catastrophic Planning Team (RCPT) activity throughout the Illinois-Indiana-Wisconsin Combined Statistical Area.
- Serve as a liaison between the assigned jurisdictions and RCPT and other local partners, including Local, State, and Federal representatives, as well as private/non-profit institutions.
- Assist with project management and associated budgets, engaging

- planning teams consisting of Local subject matter experts.
- Ensure compliance with grant guidelines and facilitate the successful completion of designated grant projects within the required timeframes.
- Address and lead discussions with various external groups to plan and achieve consensus, collaboration, and cooperation with the RCPT and corresponding Combined Statistical Area (CSA) planning and preparedness goals.

CITY OF CHICAGO DEPARTMENT OF AVIATION,
Chicago, Illinois

08/2023-Present

Emergency Management Coordinator

Coordinates with departmental staff and stakeholders to prepare for emergency incidents; Ensures that emergency plans comply with the City of Chicago plans, State of Illinois plans and Department of Homeland Security requirements and guidelines; Coordinates with airport tenant agencies to develop and implement operating procedures and action plans to effectively utilize emergency personnel and equipment during emergencies; Works with CDA Emergency Management team to develop and implement emergency preparedness training for CDA and airport stakeholder staff; Assists in the design and development of disaster simulation exercises, including the FAA-mandated tri-annual full scale exercise; Coordinates logistical support for resources at the scene of emergencies, airport disasters and homeland security incidents; Supports CDA in the management of emergency notification systems, and acts as a subject matter expert on those systems; Conducts research regarding emergency management programs and best practices for inclusion in airport plans. Performs other related duties as required.

- Ensure thorough preparedness, it is important to develop a variety of tabletop training exercises that can effectively evaluate different airport and stakeholder situations. These scenarios should cover a range of potential challenges and involve various stakeholders to ensure comprehensive testing and preparedness.
- Promptly address critical events and incidents that have an impact on O'Hare and/or Midway Airport.
- Conducting workshops and seminars is essential to the ongoing enhancement of safety practices within the Chicago airport system.

CITY OF CHICAGO OPERATIONS EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS Chicago, Illinois

12/2022-08/2023

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER

Track and coordinate significant, complex safety issues, communicating with city and public safety officials at the Deputy Director level. Lead conference calls to provide status reports over the last eight hours. Present information that is relevant to the needs of different stakeholders, including public safety, building safety, water treatment, and O'Hare/Midway Airports. Document the time/place of events using a video system. Provide technical assistance during projects.

ACADIAN AMBULANCE Monroe, Louisiana

12/2018-12/2022

EMT BASIC

Supervised a team of five drivers, supply clerks, and vehicle maintenance staff. Evaluated staff performance (360 review), using an app. Assessed each employee's ability to perform duties, conducting discipline when need, including termination. Served as field training officer, instructing new hires and employees who did not meet goals. Demonstrated medical and life-saving procedures. Worked with police and fire teams to use incident command systems to develop plans, tactics, and safety routes.

- Demonstrated leadership by taking on program responsibility after completing advanced training in emergency response.
- Selected for assignments dealing with HazMat, mass casualty, and large fires.
- Trained new employees on procedures to follow with patients.

MILITARY

US ARMY NATIONAL GUARD Louisiana & Illinois
Present

01/2017-

Military Intelligence Officer (35A) (2nd Lieutenant)

Military Intelligence (35): An Army Commissioned Officer provides the commander with all-source intelligence assessments and estimates at the tactical, operational, and strategic levels dealing with enemy capabilities, intentions, vulnerabilities, effects of terrain and weather on operations, and predicts enemy courses of action. Directs tasking of intelligence collection assets; produces threat estimates to support doctrine, training, and combat developments; ensures proper dissemination of intelligence information and products; manages interrogation operations of enemy prisoners of war and line crossers; interprets imagery from overhead and other systems; directs counterintelligence and operational security operations; performs clandestine human intelligence operations and manages signals intelligence operations including jamming and participating in performing deception operations. Manages these tasks at all echelons.

- Completing Officer Certification School August 2023
- I have honed advanced leadership and managerial skills that harmonize seamlessly with multiple ongoing projects across the entire state.
- Develop, assess, inspect, and revise standard operating procedures employed to safeguard the safety and security of all military personnel and operational activities.

S2 Staff Officer (Intelligence Operations)

As an S2 Staff Officer, I played a pivotal role in ensuring the success of military operations through comprehensive intelligence analysis and support. Key responsibilities included: Intelligence Collection and Analysis, Threat Assessment, Intelligence Planning and Support, Security Management, Briefings and Reporting, and Collaboration and Coordination. Through proactive intelligence operations and meticulous analysis, contributed to mission success and operational effectiveness while maintaining the highest standards of security and confidentiality.

- Maintain the security clearances for a battalion-size element (800-1000 personnel)
- Develop briefings aimed at effectively communicating any and all active threats that may impede the successful execution of missions.
- Maintain and distribute Deliberate Risk Assessments in compliance with Army standards to proactively prevent and mitigate potential safety hazards.

HEALTHCARE SPECIALIST & COMBAT MEDIC (E 5)

Perform emergency and outpatient care, including administration of medicines, at base and field hospitals. Research, analyze, and manage hazard mitigation, following strict policies and procedures. Supervise a team with 12 Combat Medics. Ensure that each team member has the proper training and certification, including ALS, BLS, CPR, and pediatric lifesaving. Stage vehicles and supplies in preparation for disasters. Plan and manage projects as a Safety Non-Commissioned Office, managing medics and support staff at work sites, maintaining safety standards, and planning for worst-case scenarios. Lead training on EO and sexual harassment. Prepare after-action reports, a quality improvement system used to set goals for improving performance. Maintain accurate medical records, which require a security clearance.

- Selected to help manage disaster situations related to hurricanes and mass shootings in FL, TX, and other regions in LA. Drove an 18-wheeler to transport casualties.
- Taught Combat Life Savers classes.
- Served on the COVID Strike Force Team in New Orleans, triaging patients to hospitals while following protocols for infectious diseases. Coordinated activities with the Louisiana Dept. of Public Health. Drafted policies and procedures for the use of PPE. Supervised and trained staff who vaccinated individuals, following HIPAA guidelines. Vaccinated 1000+ people.

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA AT MONROE

B.A.S., Political Science

2018

CERTIFICATIONS

- Emergency Medical Technician, National Registry Emergency Medical Technicians (01/18-03/24)
- Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Certification, American Red Cross (07/21-07-23)
- Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act Training, Dept of Defense (04/06/22)
- Pediatric Advanced Life Support, American Red Cross (07/21-07/23)
- FEMA 29A: Public Information Officer Awareness
- FEMA 75: Military Resources in Emergency Management
- FEMA 100C: Introduction to the Incident Command System
- FEMA 120C: An Introduction to Exercises
- FEMA 200C: Basic Incident Command System for Initial Response
- FEMA 230D: Fundamentals of Emergency Management
- FEMA 235C: Emergency Planning
- FEMA 240C: Leadership and Influence
- FEMA 241C: Decision Making and Problem Solving
- FEMA 242C: Effective Communication
- FEMA 244B: Developing and Managing Volunteers
- FEMA 247B: Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS) for Alert Originators
- FEMA 300
- FEMA 393B: Introduction to Hazard Mitigation
- FEMA 700A: National Incident Management System (NIMS)
- FEMA 700B: An Introduction to the National Incident Management System
- FEMA 800C: National Response Network

- FEMA 2200: Basic Emergency Operations Center Functions
- FEMA Professional Development Series
- IEMA: Effective Communication
- IEMA: Leadership in Today's World
- IEMA: Principles of Emergency Management

TECHNICAL SKILLS

MS Office: Excel, PowerPoint, Word; **Vaccine Database:** RedCap; Emergency Dispatch System, Genetec Camera System; WebEOC; Everbridge

TRAVEL

Open to travel as part of duties