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General Information

Location: Embassy Suites Hotel
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Target Audience: Psychiatrists, Psychologists, Social Workers, Mental Health Care Providers, Public Health Officials, Nurses, Clergy, Emergency Managers and First Responders.

Registration Information: The fee to attend this conference is \$45 if received by July 2, 2009. Any registrations received after that date will be charged \$55.

Register online at:
<http://www.disastermh.nebraska.edu>

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Cancellation Policy: A written request must be received **no later than July 10, 2009** to receive a full refund. **There will be no refunds after the deadline.**

Sponsorship: This activity has been planned through the joint sponsorship of Nebraska Department of Health & Human Services, University of Nebraska Public Policy Center, the University of Nebraska Medical Center Department of Psychiatry, BryanLGH Medical Center, the Omaha Metropolitan Medical Response System (OMMRS), and the Lincoln Metropolitan Medical Response System (LMMRS).

Credit: Application for continuing education has been made to the Nebraska Psychological Association.

Participant Responsibilities: Participants who sign in as specified at the start of the educational activity, remain throughout the activity, are present at the end of the activity, will be able to print a certificate of completion after filling out an online evaluation of the conference.

Hotel Reservations: A room block has been secured for guests wishing to stay overnight to attend this conference. Guest rooms are available at the rate of \$145 single/\$155 double occupancy. Reservations under the Disaster Behavioral Health Conference will be held *until June 14, 2009*. *Please secure your reservation today* to ensure availability at the reduced rate.

Parking: A complimentary airport shuttle is available to and from Eppley Airfield. Parking at the hotel is available for \$8.00/ day. Valet service parking is available to anyone with a handicap parking sticker. Off-site parking can be found for \$4.00/day. **Please mark the box on the registration form if you plan to use the valet service.**

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*Disaster Behavioral Health:
Planning, Preparation, Response,
Recovery*

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Omaha, NE**

Conference Faculty

Scot Adams, Ph.D., *Director, Division Behavioral Health, Nebraska Dept. of Health and Human Services*
Dr. Adams was appointed to head the Division of Behavioral Health by Governor Dave Heineman in March 2007. He has been instrumental in developing Nebraska's capacity to respond to the psychological and social consequences of disaster. Under his leadership, Nebraska recently added to this capacity with the development of a State Behavioral Health Emergency Response Team. In addition to spurring the team's development, Dr. Adams also serves as a team member.

Steve Crimando, MA, BCETS—*Disaster & Terrorism Branch, New Jersey Div. of Mental Health Services*
Steven M. Crimando is an internationally known consultant and educator specializing in the human factors/behavioral sciences aspects of crisis management, homeland security and disaster recovery. Mr. Crimando is a Board Certified Expert in Traumatic Stress (BCETS), a Diplomate of the National Center for Crisis Management and the American Academy of Experts in Traumatic Stress. He has more than 20-years experience as a frontline disaster responder and consults with government agencies, NGO's and multinational businesses on the importance of using accurate behavioral assumptions to inform disaster-related policies, plans and exercises, as well as response activities.

J. Reid Meloy, Ph.D.—*Private Practice, Forensic Psychologist*
Dr. Meloy is a diplomate in forensic psychology of the American Board of Professional Psychology. Formerly Chief of the Forensic Mental Health Division for San Diego County, he now devotes his time to private criminal forensic practice, research, writing, and teaching. He is a sought after psychological expert on various criminal cases throughout the United States and Europe, and is currently a consultant to the counterintelligence division of the FBI. He is also a member of the Fixated Research Group for the United Kingdom's Home Office concerning threats to the Royal Family and British political figures.

Robin H. Gurwitch, Ph.D.—*Program Coordinator for the National Center for School Crisis and Bereavement*
Dr. Gurwitch is a Professor in the Department of Pediatrics at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center. She co-authored a guidebook for community resilience in the face of disaster with a focus on children and families with the CDC. She has worked with the Department of Defense/Pentagon to develop materials for families and children whose parents are in Iraq and Afghanistan. Dr. Gurwitch was recently asked to Chair the APA Presidential Task Force on the Psychological Needs of US Military Service Members and Their Families.

Fran H. Norris, Ph.D.—*National Center for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder*
Dr. Norris is a community psychologist and research professor in the Department of Psychiatry at Dartmouth Medical School, where she is affiliated with the National Center for PTSD and the National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism (START). She is also the Director of the NIMH-funded National Center for Disaster Mental Health Research. Her research interests include posttraumatic stress, post-disaster mobilization of social support, and community resilience.

Robert Snarr, MPA, LPC, NCC—*State Adult Programs Manager, Utah Div. of Substance Abuse and Mental Health*
Mr. Snarr developed and directs the Utah Behavioral Health Crisis Counseling program, coordinated FEMA trainings for the 2002 Utah Winter Olympics, the All-Hazards Southwestern Regional Training, facilitated a statewide plan for Utah on disaster preparedness, and provided consultation to the U.S. Secret Service. He has provided training for more than 500 crisis counselors, worked with FEMA, SAMHSA and statewide programs to help serve people relocated due to Hurricane Katrina, facilitated crisis counseling services for the Utah Crandall Mine disaster and the Trolley Square Shooting.

Conference Schedule Friday, July 17, 2009

Morning Session

- 8:30-9:00 Registration and Continental Breakfast
- 9:00-9:15 *Introduction and Opening Remarks*
Scot Adams, Ph.D.
- 9:15-10:15 *Human Factors in Disaster Response: Blending Clinical and Tactical Considerations*
Steve Crimando, MA, BCETS
- 10:15-10:30 **BREAK**
- 10:30-12:00 *Adolescent and Adult Mass Murder: Contemporary Findings and Trends*
J. Reid Meloy, Ph.D.,
- 12:00-1:15 **LUNCH ON OWN**

Afternoon Session

- 1:15-2:15 *Coping with deployment: Reaching out to military families*
Robin Gurwitch, Ph.D.
- 2:15-3:15 *Improving Disaster Mental Health Practice through Research: Cross-Site Evaluation of the Crisis Counseling Program*
Fran H. Norris, Ph.D.
- 3:15-3:30 **BREAK**
- 3:30-4:30 *Disaster Behavioral Health: Lessons Learned in the Aftermath of the Trolley Square Shooting*
Robert Snarr, MPA, LPC, NCC

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Conference Objectives

- Introduce the Nebraska Behavioral Health Emergency Response Team (BHERT)
- Learn about offender characteristics of adolescent and adult mass murderers
- List at least three reactions children may experience with parental deployment
- Delineate four primary reasons to evaluate disaster mental health programs
- Prepare disaster behavioral health responders in responding to declared disasters and undeclared incidents that overwhelm local communities