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## San Bernardino Emergency Services Personnel Speak at Duluth Conference

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About a year and a half after the attack in San Bernardino that left 14 dead and 26 injured, the response from emergency personnel is being used to teach others.

At the seventh UnderOneRoof conference in Duluth Tuesday, folks from hospitals, government agencies, the public health sector, law enforcement and more heard from two people in the San Bernardino County Office of Emergency Services. Michael Antonucci and Robin Lindsay talked about how they were able to organize and pull off a textbook response to an unexpected tragedy.

"Oftentimes, we're under the radar," Lindsay said. "And so our job is when fire and law and EMS systems are stressed in a disaster, much bigger than their day-to-day, 24-hour type job, they need our organization to pull it all together."

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When reports began to come in about a mass shooting, the OES took the lead.

"The CEO of the county wants to make a playbook out of this so that if any other municipality, government, community suffers this loss that we did, that they will have at least some guidelines on how we got through it and the different moving parts," Antonucci said.

The single biggest reason the response was a success, Antonucci said, was training.

"Everything that we were trained in, happened. Nobody forgot anything. The training is crucial to making these types of incidents successful," Antonucci said. "And we had practiced, and practiced, and practiced, so everything that we practiced on did come true."

Lindsay told a crowd of about 400 that the first four people to enter the building where the shooting happened were from four different agencies. That's unheard of, she said, but they could do it because of the previous training.

"This really was the proof of how important emergency management is," Lindsay said.

Tony Guerra with the Red Cross wants to see new partnerships forged every year at the conference.

"It's better to meet now than to meet at the scene of the disaster," Guerra said. "The more we get together, I truly believe if there's an incident, it will run smoother."

And the San Bernardino folks said preparing for the aftermath of the incident was equally important.

"The response to the IRC incident was eight days long. Recovery is forever," Lindsay said.

"We've been in this 17 months," Antonucci said, "and we're not anywhere close to the end of it."

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## **San Bernardino officials bring lessons to Duluth**

**Tom Olsen, Duluth News Tribune**

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When two terrorists opened fire at a government building in San Bernardino, Calif., in December 2015, training and collaboration were key to a successful response, emergency managers told a crowd in Duluth on Tuesday.

While 14 people were pronounced dead at the scene, an additional 22 victims were taken to local hospitals in just 57 minutes — and there was not a single in-hospital death.

The perpetrators, a married couple, were tracked down by law enforcement and killed in a shootout just four hours after the attack, preventing a widescale disruption like the four-day manhunt for the suspects in the 2013 Boston Marathon bombing.

"People died. It was awful," said Robin Lindsay, an emergency services officer for the San Bernardino County Fire Department. "But our response was as textbook as it could get."

Lindsay and colleague Michael Antonucci, the county's emergency services manager, were on hand to deliver a keynote address at the seventh annual Under One Roof Preparedness and Emergency Management Conference at the Duluth Entertainment Convention Center.

The conference brings together emergency managers, health care providers, law enforcement, volunteer agencies and others for two days of training on preparing for disasters ranging from floods to terrorist attacks to wildfires.

Lindsay and Antonucci stressed to attendees the importance of inter-agency collaboration and training before disaster strikes.

At the time, the San Bernardino attack was the deadliest shooting in the United States in three years. The perpetrators targeted a county health department training session and holiday party, where more than 70 people were present.

Lindsay noted that the attack occurred in a gathering space where her own department had held a holiday party just two years prior.

"It gives you pause," she said. "This could've happened to any one of us at any time. The world has changed for us. It should've changed for you too. That's why we're bringing our lessons learned, because you never expect something so heinous to happen in an environment like this."

First responders were on the scene within four minutes, Lindsay said. There were about 350 people in the building at the time, Antonucci said — and every one of them had to be treated as hostile until law enforcement could sort out the situation.

Hospitals were notified so the transport of patients could begin. Other county employees were placed in lockdown. The search for the perpetrators quickly began.

A unified command post was set up to ensure a centralized strategy and public message. The FBI and other federal agencies came in to assist, and, Lindsay said, they were able to find areas where their resources could be pooled.

Noting the targeting of a government agency, Lindsay said public officials need to plan for the worst-case scenario.

"Stop and think about your department, your division," she said. "What if 66 percent of your department was gone? Just gone. Do you have a plan for continuing business? This is a business that has to continue to go."

That proved to be a difficult task for the health department, which Antonucci said has had plenty of struggles in the 17 months since the attack.

"Every time there's something like the Pulse (nightclub) shooting in Orlando, there's more resignations," he said. "They just can't take it."

Local agencies also have been slapped with monumental costs — to the tune of \$26 million, he said — because the expenses fall short of the threshold to receive federal funds. That's something local officials are now trying to change.

"If that \$26 million price tag happened in the city of Duluth, how would it affect them?" Antonucci said. "Our county budget is \$4.5 billion. How would it affect one of our cities that have a \$30 million budget or a \$40 million budget? It would wipe one of these municipalities off that map."

The Under One Roof conference, which concludes Wednesday, is being attended this year by more than 400 people from five states and Canada, said Tony Guerra, a member of the planning committee and the disaster program manager at the American Red Cross in Duluth.

Attendees were met with a video message from U.S. Sen. Amy Klobuchar, who said Minnesota is prone to an above-average number of natural disasters and stressed that planning brings fiscal savings.

Organizers said the conference has been a fast-growing event, selling out in just one month this year and leading them to consider plans for next year.

"This conference just keeps on growing," said Adam Shadiow, executive director of the Arrowhead EMS Association. "We can't hardly see to the back of the room anymore, which is really great news. It's also kind of humbling for those of us who do the work to put this conference on."

<http://www.duluthnewtribune.com/news/4268197-san-bernardino-officials-bring-lessons-duluth>

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## **Woman Killed In Hesperia Crash Tuesday Morning**

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HESPERIA, Calif. (VVNG.com) A fatal traffic accident prompted the closure of an intersection in Hesperia as authorities investigated the scene.

The accident was reported around 9:45 a.m. Tuesday morning at the intersection of Eucalyptus Street and Fourth Avenue.

When firefighters from the San Bernardino County Fire Department responded they located a T-Bone traffic collision involving two vehicles, a GMC SUV and an older model Lexus sedan.

"Initial investigations were that the Lexus was traveling northbound (Fourth Avenue) unfortunately didn't stop for the stop sign, and the GMC was traveling eastbound (Eucalyptus Street) when they collided," stated Media Relations Officer Jackie Chambers from the Hesperia Police Station.

The sole occupant of the Lexus was pronounced deceased at the scene, and the driver of the GMC did not sustain any injuries, Chambers said.

The intersection is a two-way stop sign for northbound and southbound traffic traveling on Fourth Avenue.

Eucalyptus Street was closed between Third and Fifth Avenues for approximately 4-5 hours.

The accident is being investigated by the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Major Accident Investigation Team (MAIT).

The story is developing and will be updated when more information becomes available.

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## **Mt. Baldy Rescue**

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On Saturday, May 13th, 2017, San Bernardino County Fire Department personnel received information of an injured hiker in the Mt. Baldy area. The initial information was the victim, Mikhail Marks, 30, of Los

Angeles, was hiking on the Sierra Hut Trail at the 8,200' level when he became dehydrated. In a short amount of time, Marks began having medical problems and was unable to walk. Due to remote location, Fire Department personnel requested Sheriff's Air Rescue 06 respond and assist.

The crew of Air Rescue 06, Pilot Sergeant Michael Gilley, Crew Chief Deputy Steve Miller, Doctor Jeff Grange, Doctor Sam Salcedo and Flight Nurse Stacey Price, responded to the area. After a brief search, they located Marks on the trail and determined he would need to be hoist rescued. Doctor Salcedo was lowered down to the trail. Marks was placed into a hoist harness and hoisted into the helicopter, followed by Doctor Salcedo. Marks had non-life threatening issues and was flown to a nearby waiting ambulance for ground transport to a local hospital.

[http://www.highlandnews.net/news/public\\_safety/mt-baldy-rescue/article\\_818d6028-3978-11e7-ae0b-07671ad7f4ef.html](http://www.highlandnews.net/news/public_safety/mt-baldy-rescue/article_818d6028-3978-11e7-ae0b-07671ad7f4ef.html)

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