

## **AWARD OF EXCELLENCE (2023)**

### **Lee Goldstein, President of Business Contingency Group (BCG)**

For 21 years, Lee Goldstein has served as President of Business Contingency Group (BCG). His company is his passion, and everything Lee does is in pursuit of improving emergency preparedness and planning efforts for public and private sectors.

Lee travels around the world working with Fortune 500 companies, small to mid-sized companies and global governments. He offers consulting services that help organizations develop Emergency Management and Business Continuity Plans, train employee emergency response teams, and conduct various types of exercises.

One of the special and unique things about Lee is that he also partners with the Department of Defense (DOD) U.S. Southern Command to better equip countries in the Caribbean and Central and South America to be self-sufficient in responding to their own disasters. He trains countries in these regions on emergency management and response protocols and conducts disaster recovery exercises. Lee's humanitarian efforts in these countries also includes developing EOCs and disaster relief warehouses, and training government staff how to use them.

Some of the countries Lee has worked in are Grenada, Haiti, Guatemala, Belize, Jamaica, Saint Kitts/Nevis, and Argentina.

Another of Lee's significant achievements that improved emergency planning was the development of technology to support his humanitarian efforts. He developed software to manage humanitarian warehouses and drones to support search and rescue efforts for countries.

Over and above his normal job duties, Lee has served as a member of the BICEPP board for 20 years, spearheading numerous events and activities to promote emergency preparedness efforts. He has served as Vice President of the Private Sector for the past four years. In this role, he partnered with FEMA to coordinate and facilitate (6) Tabletop exercises in the past two years. Scenarios included Cyber Security, Active Shooter, Earthquake Response, Flooding, Family Reunification and Threats using Vehicles as weapons. These exercises brought public and private sectors together for training and networking opportunities to

improve their organizations recovery posture, and further foster cross sector partnerships for LA County.

Lee continues to be a beacon serving communities locally, and abroad, working endlessly to help organizations become better prepared to respond to emergency incidents of varying complexity.

I cannot think of anyone more deserving of a BICEPP Award for Excellence.