



Virtual Operations Support Team: The Town of Hilton Head Island's Journey

The South Carolina Fire Academy is partnering with the Town of Hilton Head Island and Hilton Head Island Fire/Rescue to host a free two-hour virtual workshop exploring the Town of Hilton Head Island's journey to developing a deployable virtual operations support team.

The deployable team supports the Town's public information during disasters impacting Hilton Head Island in Beaufort County. Discussion will include concept development, challenges, successes, and team functionality.

Additionally, the S.C. State Fire Palmetto Incident Support Team (IST) manager will discuss the IST and how it can assist local agencies.



DATE: Wednesday, July 7, 2021

TIME: 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

REGISTER: 9027-22-001 <https://fire.llr.sc.gov/Portal/Registration/registration.aspx?crsidnt=72430>

ABOUT THE SPEAKERS

Tom Dunn is a native of Virginia and a graduate of Virginia Commonwealth University and the University of Richmond. Tom serves as the Emergency Manager for the Town of Hilton Head Island, a role he has held since 2012. Prior to that, he served as the State Planner for the Commonwealth of Virginia, then a Regional Planner for the Central Virginia Urban Area Security Initiative where he supported the 20 counties and cities around Richmond, Virginia. Tom is a retired firefighter from the City of Alexandria, Virginia.



Doug Spinks serves as the Palmetto Incident Support Team (IST) manager for S. C. State Fire, and previously held the position of Accreditation Chief for the Fire Academy. His emergency services background spans more than 20 years of service, beginning as a volunteer and career firefighter. He began his fire service career in 2001 with the Town of Kershaw Fire Department as a volunteer firefighter and served in every rank up to, and including, fire chief. Doug previously served in the United States Army (1989 to 2010) completing tours in Southwest Asia, Europe, and Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, as well as various stateside military installations, achieving the rank of Sergeant First Class prior to retirement.

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