

Keith Markley
Senior Associate



Education

- > The Ohio State University ATI (Wooster, Ohio)
- > Cincinnati University Fire Science
- > Bowling Green University Fire Tactics
- > Ohio Fire Academy (Columbus, Ohio) Fire Tactics
- > National Fire Academy Fire Administration (Emmitsburg, Maryland)
- > Ohio Emergency Management Agency (Columbus, Ohio)
- > Federal Emergency Management Agency

Key Areas of Expertise

- > Fire Service Administration
- > Hazardous Materials Team Administration
- > Emergency Management
- > Multi-Jurisdictional/Multi-Disciplinary Collaboration
- > Development of Committees and Facilitation of Meetings

Relevant Experience

- > Former Richland County EMA Director
- > 27 years as Madison Township Firefighter. Retiring as the Chief of Department
- > FEMA Disaster Survivor Assistance Specialist
- > Planner/Controller/Evaluator/Facilitator for numerous exercises tabletop to full scale

Mr. Markley brings nearly 30 years of emergency management, training and stakeholder outreach experience to the ARMADA team. During his seven years as Richland County Emergency Management Agency (EMA) Director and 27 years as a Madison Township Firefighter, Mr. Markley developed a reputation as a skilled facilitator who fostered collaboration among all jurisdictions and disciplines in order to ensure growth and cooperation throughout his county. Since 2004, Mr. Markley has used his outreach skills to serve the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in the event of a national disaster as a Disaster Survivor Assistance Specialist. He has served as president of many local organizations including the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)

Since retiring from the Richland County Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security in 2010, Mr. Markley has worked with Armada as a subject matter expert to include planner/controller/evaluator and facilitator at numerous exercises throughout the State of Ohio.

Relevant Training, Education, and Experience

- Mr. Markley has earned over 175 certifications including IS 100, 200, 300, 400, 700 and 800.
- His involvement in local, state and federal emergency management has allowed him to develop an understanding of the National Response Framework as well as current training disciplines.

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- As a Community Relations Officer and Surge Capacity Specialist for FEMA, Mr. Markley is responsible for community outreach and liaising with federal agencies throughout the duration of a large-scale event. Under this discipline he trains Other Federal Agencies (OFA'S) in the FEMA response effort.

Emergency Management Agency

During his 7 years as the Richland County EMA Director.

- Mr. Markley spearheaded numerous projects that involved collaboration with the community and response disciplines including developing a county-wide Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) and a Hazard Risk Assessment.
- He also created a Homeland Security Terrorism Task Force to oversee the use of Homeland Security Grant Funds.
- Developed the Richland County Community Emergency Response Team (CERT).
- Created Richland County's first permanent Emergency Operations Center (EOC)
- Implemented a new county-wide 911 Dispatch Center including the deployment of the county-wide Phase II Wireless 911 System.
- Oversaw the process for Richland County to become a Storm Ready county which included providing education to citizens, organizations and agencies throughout the county.
- Mr. Markley worked with all local officials to include but not limited to county commissioners, local mayors, health department officials, hospital officials, Red Cross and United Way.

Fire Service

For 27 years, Mr. Markley served the largest township in Richland County as a Madison Township Firefighter.

- In the role of Training Officer Mr. Markley was responsible for identifying training needs utilizing basic gap analysis methodologies and developing training programs based on the gaps between current and desired training. Mr. Markley worked to develop and implement safety training standards as well as training for all new recruits. At one point Mr. Markley had personally trained over 80% of the department's members as new firefighters.
- For 10 years of Mr. Markey's career he was in charge of the local Hazardous Material Team and at one point covering 5 Ohio counties.
- Mr. Markley served as Chief of Department for his final 5 years prior to retirement. Under this title he was in charge of all aspects of the department to include but not limited to finances, safety and corresponding with all local officials.
- 27 years Emergency Medical Technician.