



2021 Ohio Public Private Partnership (OP3)

SUMMER SEMINAR

MARK RAFELD

Director

Ashland County Emergency Management Agency

Prior to becoming the Emergency Management Director Mark developed strong ties with members of local and state law enforcement, health care and safety services. In addition, he assisted in three disasters by working as a FEMA volunteer doing damage assessment and mitigation of public controlled properties and infrastructure. He also was the ODOT representative on the Ashland County HazMat Response Team. He also served as a member of the Ashland County LEPC for eight years prior to his retirement in March of 2007. Mark was named Ashland County EMA Director by the Ashland County Commissioner in November of 2007, becoming the first full time director for Ashland County. Since his appointment he has been busy building a web site to facilitate communication with the public, developed an Emergency Alert Radio program for the county, put into operation a Mass Notification System and is working hard at building bridges within the county among law enforcement, emergency responders, and political subdivisions.



For Mark, public service extends beyond his work day. Mark has been an active member of the Ashland County Fair Board for almost 21 years. He served on the Ashland City School Board for four years, and is an Ashland Noon Lion, and serves as the Alert Chairman for District 13B, and Zone 7 Chairman. Mark also serves on the Advisory Board for the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) and is Past President of the Emergency Management of Ohio Association. In his spare time, Mark enjoys spending time with his family, BBQ Pit Master, and watching Ohio State Football. His wife of 34 years, Ruth, is the Victims Advocate coordinator with the prosecutor's office. Together they enjoy traveling and working on their 135-year-old- farm house.

Mark greatly enjoys serving the public in whatever way he can and looks forward to the challenges that lie before him. As Winston Churchill said, "We make a living by what we get; we make a life by what we give."