

Jack Stewart BIO

Jack Stewart - Kent County, Michigan Emergency Management Coordinator

Jack Stewart is a veteran of the Kent County Sheriff's Department. In the course of his career he has served in corrections, patrol, which includes service as a police officer – paramedic, community policing, detective bureau, and is currently serving as the Emergency Management Coordinator for Kent County, which has a population of approximately 650,000.

Expertise and Technical Skills:

- Consultant on facility hazard and vulnerability assessment, as well as related emergency planning and training.
- Advisor on school violence issues and establishing Threat and Violence Assessment Teams for school districts.
- Past presenter on School Violence at the Great Lakes Regional Homeland Security conference.
- Active as a lecturer on various topics ranging from workplace and school violence, and emergency planning and response.
- Past chairman and current vice chair of the State of Michigan Region 6 Homeland Security Planning board.
- Current chair of the Michigan Region 6 Critical Infrastructure / Key Resources, and Law Enforcement / Special Operations committees.
- Graduate of Spring Arbor College
- Former adjunct instructor at Aquinas College in Grand Rapids

Certifications:

- State of Michigan - Professional Emergency Manager
- Dept. of Homeland Security – Critical Infrastructure Risk and Threat Assessment
- Dept. of Homeland Security – Incident Command System Trainer

Awards

- Former Kent County Sheriff Dept. Deputy of the Year
- State of Michigan Professional Emergency Manager of the Year.
- Michigan Emergency Management Association Distinguished Service Award recipient.

Presentation Description

The complexity of managing emergencies, coupled with the growing need for multi-agency and multi-functional involvement on incidents, has increased the need for a well-prepared citizenry which all stakeholders public and private can work together. In any major incident, many local, state and federal agencies as well as private sector resources may become involved and must coordinate response. The challenge is to have the citizens able to take care of themselves, their families, and neighborhoods, and have an awareness of how the various response agencies work together in the most efficient and effective manner.