



Nathan Whittington
Emergency Management, Manager
Jefferson County Sheriff's Office

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Nate Whittington is the Emergency Management Manager for Jefferson County and the President of the Colorado Emergency Management Association (CEMA).

Nate previously served as the Director of Emergency Management for Gilpin County, where he joined the community in 2019 and established the first standalone Emergency Operations Center for the county. As the county's first full-time emergency manager, he re-engaged all community response partners to form a multi-agency coordination monthly meeting that averaged twenty to thirty participants. Through grant awards, he navigated seven hundred straight days of COVID response, ensuring the County's pocket expenses were minimal.

Prior to his role in Gilpin County, Nate was the Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness (CSEPP) Program Manager and State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) Operations Officer at the Division of Homeland Security Emergency Management in Centennial. He managed the Colorado CSEPP Cooperative Agreement and coordinated with local, state, and federal partners to ensure the successful completion of the annual full-scale exercise. As an operations officer, he supported the SEOC during exercises and activations to fulfill the Colorado Department of Public Safety's mission.

Nate also served with the Pueblo County Sheriff's Office for over fifteen years as a volunteer and member of the Emergency Services Bureau. He held the position of Dive Team Leader for the last five years of his tenure and was actively engaged with the wildland fire and search and rescue teams.

In addition to his roles in emergency management, Nate has been deployed to numerous national and international disasters as part of a disaster medical response team through

FEMA/Department of Health and Human Services. His deployments include New York for 9/11 (2001), Hurricane Katrina (2005), and Puerto Rico and St. Thomas (2017). In 2016, he served as the deputy emergency operations center (EOC) manager for the Beulah Hill Wildland Fire and the EOC manager for the Junkins Wildland Fire. Nate is passionate about emergency management and is dedicated to sharing his enthusiasm for the field.

Education

MPA, Master Public Administration in Policy/Government, Grand Canyon University, 2022

BA, Emergency Management and Public Safety, Grand Canyon University, 2016

AA, Business Management, Pueblo Community College, 2014

CERTIFICATION

Certified Emergency Manager (CEM) – International Association of Emergency Management

MEP, Master Exercise Practitioner, 2018

CEM, Certified Emergency Manager, Colorado Emergency Management Association, 2024

Colorado Emergency Management Academy, 2016