

PHILIP E. SOLOMON, MA, CHMM, CET/CIT

Philip E. Solomon has been involved in the emergency response field for over forty years with wide-ranging experience in emergency medical services, disaster preparedness, hazardous materials response, marine oil spill containment / recovery, and safety services. Currently Mr. Solomon serves as President of TOPS in EMERGENCY RESPONSE where he formerly served for many years as Vice President of Project Management and founder. Prior to starting TOPS in EMERGENCY RESPONSE, Mr. Solomon coordinated efforts within several multifaceted response organizations, including three program start-up operations.

Phil served as the Emergency Preparedness Coordinator / Safety Officer for Trinitas Regional Medical Center where he was responsible for emergency management preparation and response for a metropolitan healthcare facility. He was responsible for emergency plans, training, drills/exercises, and preparedness resources throughout the system, as well as all hazard planning with an emphasis on widespread internal and external disasters, homeland security and bio-terrorism matters. He interacted with department heads in all areas of the hospital system, as well as federal, state, and local officials and committees responsible for disaster planning.

Mr. Solomon served as regional safety, training, and compliance supervisor for Marine Spill Response Corporation. He was responsible for the start-up and coordination of the regional health and safety program and spill site assessment program. He developed comprehensive written health and safety programs, policies and procedures, and a computer prompted marine oil spill site safety plan. Phil coordinated the MSRC training program, including safety and health classes, response equipment programs, on-the-job training, and response exercises.

Phil served as the Union County (New Jersey) Emergency Management Coordinator for four years during the transition years as Emergency Management evolved into a multi-hazard coordination agency. Mr. Solomon helped to shape the Office and make the change from Civil Defense, primarily concerned with wartime efforts, to an all-hazard Emergency Management agency, with focus on hazardous materials response. Phil was responsible for overseeing the Hazardous Materials Response Team and Fire Academy.

Mr. Solomon began his career in emergency response as an emergency medical technician and later advanced to paramedic. He was active as a New Jersey State Paramedic for 28 years. Mr. Solomon holds an Associates of Applied Science in Fire Science Technology from Union County College, a Bachelor of Arts degree from Kean University with a major in Management Science and a minor in Public Administration, and a Master of Arts degree from American Military University with a major in Emergency and Disaster Management. Mr. Solomon is a Certified Hazardous Materials Manager (CHMM) at the Master Level and a Certified Environmental, Safety, and Health Trainer / Certified Instructional Trainer (CET/CIT) with a specialty in Management and Transportation of Hazardous Materials and Wastes.

Mr. Solomon served as a charter member of the Union County Local Emergency Planning Committee and served as its chair from 1986 to 1991. He is a member of the National Safety Council, the National Fire Protection Association, the American Industrial Hygiene Association, the American Society of Safety Professionals, the Water Environment Federation, and the Gateway Regional Chamber of Commerce.