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Gunnar J. Kuepper is Chief of Operations with Emergency & Disaster Management, Inc., in Los Angeles, California. This independent agency advises private, non-profit, and governmental organizations throughout the world in comprehensive emergency/crisis management and business continuity programs.

Much of Gunnar's planning and consulting work takes place within the international aviation industry. He and his team at EDM have analyzed the emergency management procedures and response operations in numerous catastrophic incidents, ranging from transportation accidents, to fires and explosions, to acts of terrorism and ultraviolence.

Before moving to the US, Gunnar was Commanding Chief and Managing Director of several EMS and rescue systems in Europe, particularly in Germany. He received his education in law and biochemistry from the German Universities of Bonn and Hannover.

Currently, Gunnar delivers more than thirty presentations and Key-notes annually at major national and international conferences in Asia (i.e., Japan, Singapore, Hong Kong), Europe (i.e., Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Germany, Italy, Norway, The Netherlands, United Kingdom), South America, and all over the US and Canada. Each year, he gives up to fifty briefings for law enforcement agencies, governmental and/or private organizations worldwide.

Appointments:

- ? Chair, International Symposium on Aviation Emergencies
- ? Principal, NFPA (National Fire Protection Association) Standard 1600 Committee on "Emergency/Disaster Management and Business Continuity Programs"
- ? President, Region IX, IAEM (International Association of Emergency Managers)
- ? Instructor, Aviation Safety Program, USC (University of Southern California)
- ? Co-Organizer, ARRP (Aircraft Rescue Research Project) 2005
- ? Committee Chair, "Safety and Disaster Preparedness" Los Angeles Downtown Rotary Club
- ? Member, Editorial Boards "Journal of Emergency Management" and "Crisis Response Journal"
- ? VP Industrial Safety, Los Angeles Safety Council (1997-2004)
- ? Director Europe, ARFFWG (Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting Working Group), (2001-2004)

Memberships: AAAE (American Association of Airport Executives), ARFFWG, BICEPP (Business and Industry Council for Emergency Planning and Preparedness), EAASP (European Association of Airport and Seaport Police), IAEM, IAFC (International Association of Fire Chiefs), NFPA, TIEMS (The International Emergency Management Society), WADEM (World Association of Disaster and Emergency Medicine)

Achievements: DoJ-certified Trainer for Emergency Response to Terrorism; Designer of "Working Together," an ARFF Capability Improvement Program; Developer of "Violence & Terrorism in the Aviation Industry," an Awareness and Response Improvement Program

Awards: Share the Knowledge Program (ARFFWG, 1999); Certificates of Appreciation (ARFFWG, 1999 & 2004; IAEM 2002, 2003, 2004); Special Recognition (City Council of Los Angeles, 1999; California State Senate, 2005); Outstanding Service (ARFFVWG, 2001)

Publications: 911Magazine, AIRPORT Safety and Security Management, ARFFNews, Crisis Response Journal, FIRE INTERNATIONAL, IAEM Bulletin, Journal of Prehospital and Disaster Medicine, NFPA Journal, Journal of American Society of Professional Emergency Planners

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