



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FINALIST CANDIDATES

Mark Buchholz has been the Director for Willamette Valley 911 in Salem, Oregon, since 1998. Prior to that, he was Assistant Director for the Clark Regional Communications Agency (now CRESA) in Vancouver, Washington, for over four years, and he was the Law & Justice Systems Manager for the Vancouver/Clark County Consolidated Computer Center in Vancouver, Washington, from 1988-1994. Mr. Buchholz has completed college coursework towards a bachelor's degree in Mathematics & Computer Science at Willamette University.

Deborah Grady has been the Public Safety Communications Manager for the Sacramento, California, Police Department since 2015. Prior to that, she was the Executive Director of SNOCOM 911, Mountlake Terrace, Washington, from 2009-2015. Ms. Grady's experience in California has also included serving as Communications Manager for the City of Carlsbad Police Department and Support Services Supervisor for the City of Murrieta Police Department. She has a bachelor's degree in Social Science from Chapman University and a master's degree in Administration-Leadership from Central Michigan University.

Mark Mears has been the Deputy Director of Law Enforcement Services for South Sound 911 since 2015. Prior to that, he was with the City of Fife, Washington, from 2008-2015, serving first as Assistant Chief of Police, then Chief of Police from 2013-2015. Mr. Mears also served the City of Sumner, Washington, Police Department from 1997-2008, where he served as a Sergeant and a Lieutenant. He has a bachelor's degree in Public Administration from The Evergreen State College, and master's degrees in Public Administration and Business Administration, both from City University of Seattle.

Katy Myers has been with the Clark Regional Emergency Services Agency (CRESA), Vancouver, Washington, since 1995 when she started as a 911/Emergency Dispatcher. Since then, she has served as Training Program/QA Manager, Operations Division Manager and she has been the Technical Services Division Manager since 2015. Ms. Myers has a bachelor's degree in Information Technology Management from Western Governors University and she expects to complete a master's degree in Management & Leadership this year, also from Western Governors University.

Mark Swiderski has been the Executive Director for Lake County 911 in Crown Point, Indiana, since 2016. Prior to that, he was with the E-COM Dispatch Center in Homewood, Illinois, for over ten years, starting there as Communication Supervisor and he was Deputy Director from 2011-2016. Early in his career, Mr. Swiderski was also a Telecommunicator for the Hazel Crest Police Department in Illinois. He has a Bachelor of Science degree in Public Safety Administration from Calumet College of St. Joseph in Whiting, Indiana.