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Emergency preparedness isn't just a plan – it's leadership in action. Join us for a practical, high energy day designed to help long term care providers prepare with confidence, strengthen partnerships, and protect residents and staff, when it matters most.

ANNUAL Disaster Ready SUMMIT



WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 2026

Hear from emergency management experts, EMS leaders, and fellow providers on real-world strategies for extreme Arizona heat preparedness, cybersecurity awareness, E-Tag compliance and building stronger relationships with first responders. Walk away with tools you can use immediately.

WHAT YOU'LL GAIN

- Heat mitigation tools tailored to long term care operations
- A provider/EMS collaboration strategy you can adopt
- Cybersecurity red flags every team member must know
- E-Tag compliance roadmap with real examples

BRING A TEAM FROM YOUR BUILDING:

Administrator • Clinical Team • Maintenance • EVS
• Dietary • IT • Nurse Leadership • AL Managers

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9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Marriott Phoenix Airport
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AGENDA

9:00 am – 9:05 am..... **Welcome & Introductions**

9:05 am – 10:15 am **Grace Under Pressure: Plan Prepare and Practice**
• Richard Turner, CHMM, Emergency Services Planner, Emergency Management, Maricopa County

10:15 am – 10:30 am **Break**

10:30 am – 11:30 am **From 911 to Your Front Door: Building EMS Partnerships That Work**
• Tom Shannon, Fire Chief, Scottsdale Fire Department
• David Starrett, CEO, Plaza Healthcare
• Eric Pajak, Gilbert Fire and Rescue, Battalion Chief
• Julia Colangelo, Executive Director, The Abbington of Gilbert
• David Voepel, CEO, Arizona Health Care Association

11:30 am – 12:15 pm..... **Cybersecurity for Long Term Care: From Risk to Readiness**
• Seema Patel, Chief Information Security Officer, Enterprise Technology & Innovation Information Security, Maricopa County

12:15 pm – 1:00 pm **Lunch**

1:00 pm – 1:45 pm **Pop-Up Provider Panel**
• Stan Szytek, Disaster Ready Consultant, Arizona Health Care Association

1:45 pm – 2:45 pm..... **Arizona Strong & Heat Ready: Protecting Residents and Staff in Arizona Heat**
• Eugene Livar, MD, Public Health Resiliency, Environment, and Policy, Arizona Department of Health Services

2:45 pm – 3:30 pm **Surviving Emergency Preparedness Surveys with Confidence (E-Tags)**
• Stan Szytek, Disaster Ready Consultant, Arizona Health Care Association
• Gil Damiani, Disaster Ready Consultant, Arizona Health Care Association

3:30 pm – 4:00 pm..... **Wrap-up**

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