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*First Responder Planning Services*



Robert McNally brings over 20 years of public safety experience to BeaconGIS, where he is the founder and principal owner. Having initially served as a first responder, then as manager, trainer, and consultant before forming his own company, he's viewed the challenges from all sides, injecting the practical reality of emergency response into his expert analysis and recommendations. Some of Robert's credentials:

- Director of GIS/Planning for an international public safety consulting firm prior to BeaconGIS, directing and/or contributing to over 120 projects across the US and Canada.
- Research Associate for a homeland security project grant funded by the Defense Intelligence Agency and the Special Warfare branch of the US Navy
- Bachelor's Degree in Public Administration, magna cum laude, and Master's Degree in Urban/Regional Planning from the University of North Carolina, Charlotte.
- His thesis on critical infrastructure protection planning was recognized as exemplary research by a statewide geographic association.
- Sought after by his alma mater to teach classes in emergency response as well as geographic information sciences (GIS).

## Speaking Engagements

Robert has shared his knowledge while a featured speaker at numerous conferences on the subject of public safety and homeland security. His engagements include such venues as Dartmouth College, University College in London, San Diego, Las Vegas, Denver, and various North Carolina locations.

- International Conference on Critical Infrastructure Protection, Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH
- Computers in Urban Planning and Urban Management Conference, University College, London, UK
- Cartography and Geographic Information Society (CaGIS) Research Symposium, Las Vegas, NV
- ESRI International User Conference, San Diego, CA
- ESRI Homeland Security GIS Summit, Denver, CO
- American Association of Geographers Conference, Denver, CO
- North Carolina GIS Conference, Winston-Salem, NC
- Southeastern Regional Association of American Geographers Meeting, Charlotte, NC
- UNC Charlotte Graduate Research Symposium, Charlotte, NC
- Homeland Security Solutions and Initiatives Summit, Charlotte, NC
- North Carolina Arc Users Group Western Meeting, Hickory, NC
- North Carolina EMS Administrators Association, Asheville, NC

## Publications

Hilton, B., Emerging Spatial Information Systems and Applications, pp.310-325, Idea Group Publishing, USA, 2007.

Environment & Planning B (EPB): Planning and Design, Volume 34, Issue 6, pp.1103-1124, Pion Ltd. England.

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