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Ben is a seasoned emergency management professional with over 35 years of extensive operational experience in both field response and command center leadership. He currently serves as the Vice President of Safety, Security, and Emergency Management at Lifepoint Health, an organization with approximately 55,000 employees. In this role, he oversees emergency preparedness and response operations across 62 acute care hospitals, 46 rehabilitation hospitals, and 26 behavioral health hospitals in 33 states.

Ben holds key professional certifications, including Certified Healthcare Safety Professional (CHSP) and Certified Healthcare Emergency Professional (CHEP). Additionally, he has numerous certifications in crisis intervention and threat assessment. He played a key role in developing the International Association of Healthcare Security and Safety (IAHSS) Threat Assessment Response Protocol and training program. Ben is also a FEMA-certified Active Threat Response Trainer and frequently teaches on managing workplace violence and emergency response. He previously served in the U.S. Army and earned his bachelor's degree in criminal justice from American Military University.

With 22 years of prior experience in law enforcement, Ben held multiple command roles with significant emergency management responsibilities, including large-scale operational planning and interagency coordination. His expertise encompasses command center operations, emergency procedure development, and training organizational leaders in emergency preparedness and response. Additionally, he contributed as a subject matter expert for the Joint Commission's 2022 emergency management standards revision.

Ben's extensive operational background, combined with his command-level leadership experience, positions him as an authoritative figure in emergency management. He is frequently

sought after for high-level presentations and specialized workshops on crisis preparedness and response.