

Walter Topp
Senior Associate



Education:

- > Master of Strategic Studies, U. S. Army War College
- > Master of Public Administration, Cleveland State University
- > Bachelor of Science in Psychology, John Carroll University

Key Areas of Expertise:

- > Emergency Management Administration
- > Project Management
- > Wargame Design, Conduct, and Assessment
- > Exercise Design, Conduct, and Evaluation
- > Joint Military Operations

Relevant Experience:

- > Ohio Certified Emergency Manager (OCEM)
- > National Emergency Management Basic Academy (FEMA)
- > Former Administrator of the Cuyahoga County Office of Emergency Management
- > Retired as a U.S. Navy commander after 22 years of active duty service
- > Former police officer and sergeant on the Cleveland, OH Police Department

Mr. Walter S. Topp offers the experience gained through more than 30 years of leadership in law enforcement, military, and emergency management agencies. He excels in emergency management administration, project management, and exercise design, conduct, and evaluation. From 2012 through 2016, he led the Cuyahoga County (Ohio) Office of Emergency Management to become one of the first 30 county emergency management agencies in the United States, and the first in Ohio, to earn accreditation through the Emergency Management Accreditation Program. Mr. Topp also led the Office of Emergency Management through an intensive two-year multi-jurisdictional planning process that resulted in a successful Emergency Operations Center activation in support of the 2016 Republican National Convention.

Mr. Topp served 22 years in the U.S. Coast Guard and U.S. Navy, earning the rank of Commander. His accomplishments in the Navy include the design and conduct of numerous war games at the National Defense University and the United States Naval War College. He also served as the Deputy Inspector General for the Multi-National Force in Iraq, as Command Center supervisor on the staff of the Commander of the Pacific Fleet in Honolulu, Hawaii, and Chief of the Sea Forces Division of the Office of Military Cooperation in Cairo, Egypt. Mr. Topp also served as war game director at the U.S. Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island.

Mr. Topp holds a Master of Strategic Studies degree from the U.S. Army War College, a Master of Public Administration degree from Cleveland State University and a Bachelor of Science degree from John Carroll University. He earned the designation of Ohio Certified Emergency Manager (OCEM). He completed FEMA's National Emergency Management Basic Academy. He served his community as a police officer and sergeant on the Cleveland Police Department.

