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Michael S. Rohde is the CEO and Principal Consultant of Rohde & Associates. He has been a professional in this discipline for more than 45 years. He retired from 37 years active duty in the fire service as a Battalion Chief with the Orange County Fire Authority, and previous duty with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, the U.S. Forest Service, and the Los Angeles County Fire Department. His experience included positions in operations, executive staff, strategic planning, fire prevention, hazardous materials, and training. He is nationally qualified as an Incident Commander, Operations and Planning Section Chief,

Structural Protection Specialist, and Hazardous Materials Specialist, including service with State and Federal Type 1 Incident Management Teams in the management of wildfires and incidents of national significance complexity, and response to terrorism, civil disorder, and natural disasters. In 2009, he led development of a rapid mobilization plan for the OCFA for management of future wildfires. He possesses a Graduate degree in Emergency Services Administration, a Bachelor's in Business, and is certified as a State of California Chief Fire Officer. He has been honored as a Life-Member by the Southern California Assn. of Foresters and Fire Wardens, and awarded the Hazardous Materials Response Lifetime Achievement Award by the California "Continuing Challenge" Conference.

As a consultant, Mike has provided services to both Fortune 500 companies and government, providing emergency and disaster planning, Incident Command System, oil spill, fire, and hazardous materials training & program development, and exercise development and facilitation. He is an emeritus member of California State, Federal, and regional Advisory Committees and Boards, co-author of State and Federal regulation and training curriculum, and has developed oil spill and ICS programs for Southern California Edison for the last 25 years. He has served on cadres for the California and National Fire Academies, the California OES/Specialized Training Institute, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and the National Wildfire Coordinating Group. In 2003, He authored a seminal study in the command of major Wildland-Urban Interface incidents; "Command Decisions during Catastrophic Interface Wildfire".