



# Matthew J. Dykstra

1 S. Midvale Blvd  
Madison, WI 53705

(715) 326-0654  
[mdyks332@gmail.com](mailto:mdyks332@gmail.com)



LinkedIn Profile

---

## SUMMARY

Dynamic and motivated public safety professional with over 20 years of experience working within various emergency support functions to include: emergency management, firefighting, emergency medical services, search and rescue, hazardous materials, and military operations.

Skilled in project management, developing public-private partnerships, grant writing, delivering effective presentations, and problem solving. Extremely adaptable and transformational leader with an ability to function in high stress and austere environments.

Seeking opportunities for personal and professional growth, as well as leadership and/or instructional positions within progressive organizations.

---

## EXPERIENCE

### *Firefighter/Paramedic, City of Madison Fire Department*

Madison, WI —November 2016-Present

Provides Advanced Life Support capabilities during emergency medical service requests for assistance. Operates as a member of State of Wisconsin Type II Hazardous Materials Team. Responds to, and mitigates, public safety incidents. Develops and delivers public outreach activities to various community groups.

---

## EDUCATION

### **Georgetown University**

- Executive Master's:  
Emergency and Disaster  
Management; 2015

### **University of Wisconsin Oshkosh**

- Bachelor's: Fire & Emergency  
Response Management 2013
- Bachelor's: Leadership and  
Organizational Studies; 2013

### **Community College of the Air Force**

- Associate's: Fire Science;  
2009

---

## SKILLS/AFFILIATIONS

- Current "Secret" Clearance 2012
- Executive Board, IAFF Local 311
- Advisory Board, Portage County  
Young Professionals
- Vice President, Northeast WI  
Incident Management Team
- Spanish: Read, Write, Speak



***Assistant Chief of Training & Emergency  
Management, United States Air Force Fire Protection***  
Various Locations —June 2001-Present

Plans, organizes, and directs all fire protection activities. Analyzes fire protection operations, determines trends and problems, and formulates corrective measures. Provides fire protection guidance. Coordinates fire protection support agreements and pre-incident plans. Develops large-scale exercises and functional training scenarios for multiple agencies at Volk Field Combat Readiness Training Center.

**Major Accomplishments**

- Established first ever Air Force Fire & Emergency Services ran Advanced Life Support transport service, while deployed to Air Base 201, Agadez, Niger.

***Director, Portage County Emergency Management &  
EMS***

Stevens Point, WI —November 2013-November 2016

Directed, developed and implemented emergency management, emergency medical services (EMS), and hazardous materials response programs for Portage County in accordance with local, state, and federal laws, rules, regulations and plans with an overall goal of improving citizen, business, and municipal resiliency.

**Major Accomplishments**

- Developed multiple large-scale exercises with local university, Koch Pipeline, Sentry Insurance, as well as federal, State, and local stakeholders.
- Completely rebuilt County Emergency Operation Center.
- Became only county in WI to receive FEMA Integrated Public Alert & Warning System (IPAWS) Collaborative Operating Group certification (outside of the Capital).
- Directed the development and annual maintenance of the Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act plans in compliance with state and federal requirements. Performed duties as Local Emergency Planning Committee Chair.

## **CERTIFICATIONS**

**Firefighting & EMS-**

- NREMT-Paramedic
- Fire Officer IV
- Fire Inspector II
- Fire Instructor II
- Rescue Technician I/II
- Hazardous Materials
  - Incident Commander
  - Technician

**Emergency Management-**

- Certified Emergency Manager  
State of Wisconsin
- FEMA Advanced Professional  
Development Series
- HSEEP Exercise Design  
and Evaluation
- NIMS ICS Public  
Information Officer Course
- NIMS ICS Operations Section  
Chief Course
- Command & General Staff  
for Incident Management  
Teams
- EPCRA Compliance Officer
- EOC Operations
- ICS/EOC Interface
- Debris Management -
- Incident Command System  
300/400

