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## DUTY, DEDICATION, LEADERSHIP

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**What has NEMA helped you with the most as a new (as of 2020) emergency management director?**

A sounding board with my peers to check in on expectations, how to handle those things that come up, and a shoulder to cry on in some cases.

**You have an incredible sense of duty to your team as a leader. What is something you are most proud of your team at NV EM/HS?**

My mother passed away right as the Caldor Fire began to threaten Lake Tahoe. We had been planning for this event for a few days, but I had to leave right as mandatory evacuations began occurring. The team excelled in handling this for a week while keeping up on COVID response and an earthquake incident. Our TAG and Governor's Office staff was completely impressed on the efforts made from what they have previously observed.

**If you could go back 31 years when you began your journey in public safety service; what advice would you give yourself?**

Don't worry, things will go wrong but always take chances to improve everyone's situation.

**Where you continue to teach and instruct within the University and College System of Nevada, what has been one of your most rewarding moments as a Professor/Instructor?**

Seeing a student or former student who is now employed in Emergency Management and rocking it.

**What is that one song; the 'go to' when you need the motivation; the one song that when it plays in the vehicle, you must sit there until it ends?**

Eminem Lose Yourself

You better lose yourself in the music, the moment  
You own it, you better never let it go  
You only get one shot, do not miss your chance to blow  
This opportunity comes once in a lifetime

– Eminem



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