

## ASPR TRACIE Speaker Series Brief Speaker Biographies

### Healthcare System Preparedness Considerations Speaker Series

#### Response to the Bryce Canyon Tour Bus Mass Casualty Incident

##### **DeAnn Brown, CNM, DNP**

DeAnn is currently the Hospital Administrator at Garfield Memorial Hospital, an Intermountain Health facility, in Panguitch, Utah. She has served in this position since 2022.

DeAnn began her career with Intermountain Healthcare at Valley View Hospital (now Cedar City Hospital) and has been at Garfield since 1994. She became a certified nurse midwife in 1997 and still sees obstetrics patients. She earned her doctorate of nursing practice in 2017 from the University of Utah. She is active in the community, serving on the Panguitch Prevention Coalition. DeAnn is a member of the Intermountain Healthcare Ethics Committee and is a 2018 recipient of the Spirit of Intermountain Award.

On Friday, September 20, 2019, DeAnn was the current Nurse Administrator and served as Incident Commander for a multiple injury tour bus crash carrying 30 Chinese tourists.

##### **Susan Harris, LPN, MSN**

Susan became an emergency medical technician in 1989, a certification she maintains to this day. She began working at Garfield Memorial Hospital (GMH) in 2001 as a certified nursing assistant. Harris advanced in her career by becoming a licensed practical nurse, and registered nurse, and ultimately earned a Master's degree in nursing education. Harris completed nursing education as a rural resident, traveling 2 hours to Richfield for classes. Susan and Ron have 4 children.

Susan is the current Med/Surge and ED Nurse Manager at Garfield Memorial Hospital. GMH is a 15 bed, Critical Access hospital located in Panguitch, Utah, with an adjoining long-term care facility and a 4-bed emergency room. The Office of Primary Care and Rural Health (PCRH) honored Susan with an *Impact Award*, intended to recognize employees from rural healthcare facilities who embody the "Power of Rural" as part of National Rural Health Day celebrations.

##### **Steve Ikuta, BS, HcEM-M, MEP, UCEM**

Steve has more than 38 years of experience in the medical field. He derives great satisfaction from helping hospitals and communities prepare for an uncertain future. He currently coordinates and manages one of Intermountain Healthcare's emergency management programs. His scope of services includes Cedar City Hospital, Delta Community Hospital, Fillmore Community Hospital, Garfield Memorial Hospital, San Pete Valley Hospital, Sevier Valley Hospital and St. George Regional Hospital. Steve graduated from Utah Valley University, magna cum laude with

a bachelor's degree in Emergency Management Administration Services. He is a Utah Certified Emergency Manager (UCEM) and a FEMA Master Exercise Practitioner (MEP). Steve was a past member of UHERT (Utah Health Emergency Response Team). He was the former chairperson for Southern Utah American Red Cross Advisory Committee and an American Red Cross Board Member for Central and Southern Utah. He is a member of the Utah Crisis Standards of Care Committee, Utah's Burn Disaster Crisis Standards of Care Committee, and the Western Region Burn Disaster Consortium. He is a past chair for Utah Disaster Advisory Executive Committee. Mr. Ikuta served in his community as a volunteer firefighter for 17 years with Santa Clara/Ivins Fire Rescue. He was their Public Information Officer and Safety Officer. He also served on Utah's southwest regional hazmat response team. Steve is the recipient of the 2014 American Red Cross Heroes Award for emergency preparedness and a nominee for Homeland Security's 2014 Rick Rescorla Award for Resiliency. Originally, from San Diego, Steve has lived in southwest Utah since 1997.

**Steven Rossberg, BS, CHEC III, MEP**

Steven has been working in preparedness professionally for over thirteen years most recently as the Emergency Preparedness Coordinator with Intermountain Healthcare supporting St. George Regional Hospital, a trauma level 2 hospital (T2) and Garfield Memorial Hospital, a Critical Access Hospital (CAH). Previously Steven worked as the Regional Medical Surge Coordinator for the Southwest Utah Public Health Department starting in 2011. While working at the health department he worked as the Healthcare Coalition Chair. He received a bachelor's degree from Brigham Young University in Business Management. His responsibilities include coordinating the healthcare preparedness efforts to meet The Joint Commission and the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) preparedness requirements. He enjoys designing and conducting exercises and drills for all these facilities. In 2019, Steven was part of the Garfield Memorial Hospital (GMH) response to the Bryce Canyon Tour Bus MCI with Chinese Nationalists. GMH saw 19 of the 26 bus crash victims in the 15-bed facility. He recently received his FEMA Master Exercise Practitioner program (MEPP) certification. He is a self-proclaimed Preparedologist. When not working, Steven enjoys exploring the many outdoor recreational opportunities in Southwest Utah, such as Bryce Canyon, Grand Canyon and Zion National Parks, Lake Powell and many other national treasures in his area.