

BRAD GAIR, is internationally recognized for his leadership roles in the signature disasters of the 2000s, having served as a FEMA Federal Coordinating Officer and in other key positions for scores of disasters, emergencies and special events, including leading the \$21B federal recovery after the 9/11 terrorist attacks in New York City and Hurricane Katrina. He has twice served the City of New York, first as Deputy Commissioner of NYC OEM and then after Superstorm Sandy as founding Director of the Mayors Office of Housing Recovery Operations and NYC Recovery Manager.

Prior to Arab Spring, Brad worked in the Middle East supporting the establishment of a new national disaster management agency in the United Arab Emirates and advising on national security initiatives for the Government of Yemen. Before joining Witt O'Brien's in 2017, Brad was Vice President for Emergency Management & Enterprise Resilience at NYU Langone Medical center where in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy, he secured the largest grant in FEMA history for a single facility - \$1.1B.

Currently, Brad is program manager for the \$8 billion recovery and resilience program in the US Virgin Islands from back-to-back Category 5 Hurricanes Irma and Maria in 2017. He is also currently leading the Witt OBrien s Coronavirus support project for the City of San Jose, CA and advising the Bahamas on recovery from last years Hurricane Dorian.



BRAD GAIR, CEM PRINCIPAL

## YEARS OF EXPERIENCE

25 Years

## **EDUCATION**

**University of Arizona** MA Geography

**Villanova University** BA Geography

University of St. Andrews Advanced Certificate: Terrorism Studies

## Harvard University Certificate, Executive Leadership & Strategic Management

Federal Executive Institute
Graduate, Leadership for a Democratic
Society Program

## **CERTIFICATIONS**

International Associations of Emergency Managers (IAEM) Certified Emergency Manager

Royal Geographical Society
Chartered Geographer.