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Dakota Duncan is a nationally recognized leader in emergency management, disaster response, and humanitarian operations with over a decade of experience managing large-scale emergency responses and spearheading organizational transformation. He currently leads the Business Continuity and Disaster Response for First Internet Bank and serves as a Subject Matter Expert for Critical Infrastructure and Soft Target Protection with the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE).

Previously, as Executive Director of National Emergency Management & Response (formerly BCFS Health & Human Services), he directed the nation's largest non-governmental emergency management agency, managing \$5.7 billion in response budgets, deploying more than 14,000 personnel, and overseeing emergency influx shelters for unaccompanied minors at the U.S.-Mexico border. He previously served as Vice President at Krucial Rapid Response, where he implemented efficiency measures and accountability systems that strengthened the organization's performance.

Earlier in his career, Dakota served as the Emergency Management Coordinator for Missouri City, Texas, as well as State Emergency Management Program Director for the Indiana National Guard. He currently serves as Incident Commander and Operations Section Chief for Type I Incident Management Assistance Teams, leading disaster responses to mass casualty incidents and public health crises.

Dakota holds the Certified Emergency Manager (CEM) credentials, an Executive Leadership certificate from Oxford University, a master's in public health, and a bachelor's in emergency and disaster management, along with multiple fire and EMS certifications. A published author and frequent speaker, he most recently delivered the Plenary Address at the 2024 Alaska State Emergency Management Conference.