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As the Vice President for Public Safety & Emergency Preparedness, Lewis Eakins has overall responsibilities for ensuring the safety of students, faculty, and staff at 19 campuses and over 40 educational centers throughout the State of Indiana. Prior to joining Ivy Tech Community College, Lewis served as the Chief Security Officer and Director of Public Safety at Idaho State University. Lewis has previously served as a Transit Police Captain and a Chief of Police for a university.

Lewis holds an undergraduate degree in Police Science and Criminal Justice from Calhoun Community College and Athens State University, respectively. He obtained a Master of Science in Security Management from Bellevue University, and a Ph.D. in Public Policy and Administration from Walden University. Completing FEMA's National Emergency Management Executive Academy in 2015 was a highlight of Lewis' career.

Lewis' volunteer experience is extensive with prior association leadership roles at the local, regional, national, and international levels. He currently serves as a board member with the International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators (IACLEA) and was awarded the President's Award in 2020 for leadership and dedication to the organization. Lewis has worked with the American Red Cross for many years in response to disasters in Alabama, Texas, and Idaho.

In his spare time, Lewis enjoys volunteering at his church, spending time with family, roller skating, hiking, and riding his e-bike.

