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Joseph Hernon is currently the Director of Emergency Management and Business Continuity for Syracuse University.

As the University's Emergency Manager, he manages the emergency management program - ensuring that students, faculty, staff and facilities across the University are prepared for emergencies. Additionally he over sees SU's 24/365 emergency communication center and staff.

Prior to his work at Syracuse University Mr. Hernon was the Deputy Director of Emergency Services for Oneida County. There he would oversee The Department of Emergency Communications, The Office of Emergency Management and the Office of the Fire Coordinator. He was responsible for directing the organization, managing of departmental personnel and resources, and fulfilling the County's responsibility for emergency and fire coordination within Oneida County.

He also worked on Governor Cuomo's Citizen Preparedness Corp mission. As a Citizen Preparedness Trainer, he was assigned to the 14 Central New York counties. He would travel throughout the state educating the local civilian population on what to do before, during, and after disasters. The training was performed in conjunction with state organizations such as NYS Office of Emergency Management, Police and Fire Departments.

Mr. Hernon holds a B.S. from Cazenovia College and is an active member of the 174th NYS Air National Guard unit in Emergency Management.