

The Point Events Center, 2101 Dearborn St.
5:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. (Main Event Begins 7:30 P.M.)

Meet our Finalists



Todd Ackerman has 30 years of law enforcement experience, 13 years of experience as a volunteer firefighter with a Firefighter 1 certification, and most recently served as Chief of Police for the City of Marysville, Kansas for the past 22 years. Ackerman is a graduate of the 216th Session of the FBI National Academy and served as past president of the Kansas Association of Chiefs of Police (KSACP) and the FBI National Law Enforcement Executive Development Association.

Ackerman possesses a Bachelor's degree in Leadership & Ethics from Manhattan Cristian College and a Master's degree in Corporate and Homeland Security from Bellevue University. As a member of the NE Kansas Incident Management Team (IMT), Ackerman was in charge of response operations for the largest grass fire in Kansas in Clark County, and was deployed to natural disasters like Greensburg, KS and the Montgomery County floods to help manage the response and recovery operations of the disaster. He was the Incident Commander for a term at the Montgomery County disaster. He was also a response team member to Hurricane Sandy in Maryland.



Robert "Mark" Filler has 21 years of law enforcement experience and has previously served as a volunteer firefighter. After serving as a police officer in Lyons, KS and a Sheriff's Deputy in Rice County, KS for six years, Filler worked as a police advisor in Afghanistan for just under two years before joining his current department in the City of Surprise, AZ in 2008. Filler has held supervisory roles within the department since 2013, first as Sergeant and now holding the rank of Lieutenant since 2018. In his current role, Filler is responsible for supervising up to 45 personnel, serves as emergency Management Liaison, SWAT Team Commander, and manages the Support Services Section. He is also responsible for all special event / critical incident planning and response and coordination of risk mitigation efforts.

Filler possesses an Associate's degree from the University of Phoenix in Criminal Justice, a Bachelor's degree in Emergency Management from Grand Canyon University, and a Master of Public Administration degree in Organizational Leadership from Grand Canyon University. Filler is currently participating in the National Tactical Officers Association (NTOA) Command College.