



## KENTUCKY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

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# **CSEPP-KYEM Wednesday Webinar**

## **October 16, 2024- Virtual Media (Zoom®)**

### **Noon EST**

### **Offered by KYEM & CSEPP**

**Webinar Title:** *The Kentucky Qualification System (KQS) Credentialing for PIOs*

**Description:** Join us for an enlightening webinar on the importance of the KQS credentialing through KYEM for PIOs. A voluntary program, the overall strategic goal of KQS is to establish and maintain credentialed personnel for Incident Management Teams (IMTs) and Emergency Operation Center (EOC) Assistance Teams that can assist within the Commonwealth, or outside the state, in response to disasters, incidents, and planned events. In this webinar, you'll learn what KQS is, how to start the application process, and why it's important to an individual, an organization, and the Commonwealth. Whether you're looking to improve your agencies communication strategies, or simply stay ahead in the evolving field of public information, this webinar is a must-attend. Register today and take the first step towards becoming a KQS qualified PIO!

**Special Notes:** Advance student registration is **REQUIRED** and must be received by **October 11, 2024**. You are considered accepted as a student in this class upon receipt of your application. Once you have registered you will be sent the link to log in.

**Registration:** [https://forms.logiforms.com/formdata/user\\_forms/25701\\_7726379/383754](https://forms.logiforms.com/formdata/user_forms/25701_7726379/383754)  
Students will be notified if the course is canceled. For this reason, it is imperative that you provide accurate contact information.

**Wednesday Webinar Series:** The Wednesday Webinar Series was established to provide Public Information Officers (PIOs) and other communication related fields with virtual opportunities to address topic specific issues in quick 1-hour monthly webinars. Monthly topics and featured speakers will be selected and scheduled accordingly to help provide attendees with real-world application to the following: planning and developing a process with clearly defined procedures to gather and provide accurate, timely, and accessible information on an event as it approaches or as it has occurred.

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## CSEPP-KYEM Wednesday Webinar Featured Speaker Biography



**Dr. Charles K. Harris,**  
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Charles "Charlie" Harris started work at KYEM in October of 2022, to help guide the implementation of the National Qualification System, or NQS, in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. This initiative was subsequently called the Kentucky

Qualification System or KQS. Prior to joining the KYEM Team, Charlie served 37 years in the Kentucky Army National Guard as an Intelligence Officer, receiving two Bronze Stars, Combat Action Badge, and the Legion of Merit among other recognitions. Charlie is a graduate of Transylvania University, the National Intelligence University, the University of Charleston, and the University of Kentucky. His doctoral research, in part, examined the acquisition and importance of soft skills to success in the workplace. He is married to Megan, a pastor, and has three children.

**Website:** <https://kyem.ky.gov/programs/Pages/Kentucky-Qualification-System.aspx>