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Bo is a dynamic speaker and someone that you wish you could take home with you. *Excellent and extremely relevant!*

Outstanding speaker – kept audience involved. NO FLUFF, ALL USEFUL INFO, EXCELLENT DELIVERY.

One of the most interesting and most valuable sessions this year.

A true expert Entertaining and informational – even after lunch!

on the material. Bo is right out of central casting. Incredibly effective.

Everyone should see this presentation!

wonderful feedback, and many have said Bo's presentation was the best they have ever seen.

much better armed and directed to identify areas to improve. **AWESOME SPEAKER!**

Most practical presentation of the event! **Great material and presentation.**

2019 KEYNOTE SPEAKER CONFIRMED

WSO is pleased to announce that Bo Mitchell will be one of our keynote speakers at this year's Symposium. Participants of last year's Symposium already know that Bo is one of the foremost emergency preparedness experts in the country, with hundreds of presentations under his belt.

Bo presents expert strategies with a rare combination of fact, humor, "from the front lines" stories, and learn-it-and-use-it concepts that engages audience members and leaves them wanting more. The title of his 2019 keynote presentation is "Training for an Active Shooter Event."

Bo served as Police Commissioner of Wilton, Connecticut, USA for 16 years. He retired in February 2001 to found 911 Consulting with the mission to protect people at their workplaces during emergencies.

911 Consulting's mission grew out of three realizations:

- 1) Police reports about incidents and emergencies at workplaces nearly always included a stunned boss saying, "I never thought this could happen to us."
- 2) Even though police response time to 911 calls was prompt, it could never be immediate. No matter how dangerous the emergency, police could

not arrive and deploy in less than five minutes. The employee was exposed—*everyone was on their own* for those potentially-lethal first minutes on average.

- 3) The tipping point was when Bo's wife experienced a narrow escape at a new job. She was working on the sixth floor of a prewar building in lower Manhattan. One afternoon, when all senior managers were out, she noticed smoke wafting through the office. She asked co-workers what they should do. No one seemed concerned, and everyone kept working. As the smoke intensified, she collected her things and left, encouraging others to do the same. She told Bo that night, "No one knew what to do, so they did nothing. No one even called 911." (Another tenant did call; the building was evacuated and the fire was extinguished.)

What Bo identified as a business opportunity became a personal passion:

"Every day in the United States, fourteen people fail to go home from work to their families, and nearly five million are seriously injured on the job. My wife could have been among them because her employer didn't understand their legal responsibilities."

For nearly two decades, 911 Consulting has been conducting risk assessments, creating emergency plans, training em-

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Bo Mitchell is pictured here with Rafiu Zakaria (left) and Cethrobelle Briñas (right), both of whom attended his sessions during the WSO Symposium in Charleston, West Virginia, last year.

from the desk of

DR. CHARLES H. BAKER

Chief Operations Officer



Welcome to the WSO April NewsLetter!

I hope you all enjoy the content of these newsletters. It gives you an opportunity to read about your fellow members and their happenings, as well as about current and future events and points of interest within the

Organization. As always we value your feedback, so please let us know if there is an article or event that you particularly like (or even dislike) or if you have suggestions for improvement. We want the WSO NewsLetter to be of value to you!

I also wanted to give you a couple of reminders. We are nearing deadlines on paper/presentation submissions, room reservations, and awards nominations for the annual symposium to be held in Las Vegas (October 7-9). These deadlines, which can be found throughout this issue and on the WSO website, are important for many reasons, so please mark them on your calendars.

This symposium is a good opportunity to make new connections and to catch up with old friends and colleagues from around the world. It is also an opportunity to share and learn about latest ideas in the global safety community.

Finally, I would be remiss if I did not remind you to encourage your colleagues and associates to membership in and certification through World Safety Organization. I think we all agree that a WSO Certification, which is accredited in compliance with the ISO/IEC 17024:2012 standard, is a very valuable addition to a safety professional's resume.

Continue to watch the newsletter for upcoming events and items of interest, and feel free to submit content for future issues of this publication (events, accomplishments, safety articles, etc.). We appreciate you! [CHB]

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Keynote Speaker

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ployees, and leading exercises for regional, national and international clients across dozens of industries so everyone can go home to their families.

Bo also serves as an expert in landmark court cases nationally, and has earned 22 certifications in organizational safety and security: CEM, CPP, CHS-V, CBCP, WSO-CSI(ML), HSEEP, CNTA, IAC, MOAB, CHSP, CHEP, CSHM, CESCO, CHCM, CFC, CSSM, CSC, CAS, TFCT3, CERT, CHSEMR, and CMC.

Bo earned his Bachelor of Science degree from New York University and served in the U.S. Army Reserve for five years. He is also a scuba diver and therapy dog volunteer. ♦

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