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2009 Conference and Trade Show **“911Back to the Future”**

London Conference Centre, London, Ontario, Canada
September 13th – 16th, 2009

Key Note Speaker

Bill Buford, Bomb Squad Coordinator

Commander Arkansas State Police

Bill Buford comes to the 2009 NENA Ontario Conference as our keynote speaker with limitless experience in Crisis situations. Bill’s presentation “Waco - Surviving a Critical Incident” should not be missed!

Bill served in the United States Army from March 1963 through August 1966 and was a Vietnam veteran serving with the 5th Special Forces Group from August 65 to August 66. While in Vietnam he was awarded the Combat Medic Badge, Bronze Star and the Purple Heart. Bill retired from the Army Reserves with 20 years of service.

Further experience includes working for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms for over 30 years and then moving to his career with ATF in March of 1971 in Tulsa, Oklahoma. In March of 1976 he was transferred to Little Rock, Arkansas as the Resident Agent in Charge of Arkansas. He remained in that position until retirement in September of 2001.

While with ATF, Bill was an Instructor at the ATF National Academy and helped develop the Entry Control Teams, which later became Special Response Teams. He assisted with the development of the training program, writing the lesson plans and teaching the course. Bill was also the Team Leader/Co-Team Leader for the New Orleans Special Response Team for 5 years. While at ATF Bill became a Certified Explosives Specialist and a member of the Peer Support/Crisis Management Incident Response Team.

Bill was awarded the ATF Medal of Valor, Hostile Action Award, and the Gold Star, for wounds received in a hostile action.



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In January of 2005 Bill went to work for the Arkansas State Police as the Bomb Squad Commander. As a Certified Hazardous Devices Technician, Bill Supervised the Explosives and Arson Unit.

During his work experience, Bill still found time to receive a Bachelor of Science in Education Degree from Kansas State Teachers College. He is married with 5 children and 17 grandchildren.