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Dr. Joseph Heck is the, a corporation dedicated to providing cutting-edge emergency response training, consulting, and operational support to Law Enforcement, EMS, Military Special Operations, and Business & Industry. Board-certified in Emergency Medicine with a Certificate of Added Qualification in EMS, Dr. Heck is the Operational Medical Director for the Southern Nevada Health District in Las Vegas, Nevada, providing medical oversight for the EMS system and public health preparedness, and the Medical Director for the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department (LVMPD). He has worked as a healthcare provider, educator, and administrator.

Dr. Heck's involvement in EMS began in 1978 as a volunteer firefighter/EMT - A. He has served with the LVMPD Search & Rescue team and as a tactical physician with the Department's SWAT team, and has previously served as a FEMA USAR Physician with NV-TF1. He served as the Vice-Chair of the Domestic Preparedness Committee of the American College of Osteopathic Emergency Physicians and has had previous academic appointments as Medical Director, Department of EMS at the Community College of Southern Nevada, Assistant Clinical Professor of Surgery at the University of Nevada School of Medicine, and Visiting Scientist in the Department of Military and Emergency Medicine at the Uniformed Services University. Current academic appointments include Adjunct Clinical Associate Professor in Primary Care / Emergency Medicine at Touro University – Nevada, College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Dr. Heck has lectured and published widely on special operations medical support and the medical response to acts of terrorism. He served as the Medical Director for the Nevada Hospital Association's Hospital Preparedness program and serves as a member of the American Osteopathic Association's Task Force on Bioterrorism. From 1998 to 2003, Dr. Heck served as the Medical Director of the Casualty Care Research Center of the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences in Bethesda, Maryland.

Dr. Heck served in the Nevada State Senate from 2004 to 2008, where he was Vice Chair of the Transportation and Homeland Security Committee, and a member of the Commerce & Labor, Natural Resources, and Human Resources & Education committees.

Dr. Heck graduated from The Pennsylvania State University with a degree in Health Education, received his Doctor of Osteopathy from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine, and completed his Emergency Medicine Residency at Albert Einstein Medical Center in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He is a fellow of both the American College of Osteopathic Emergency Physicians and The American College of Emergency Physicians. Dr. Heck is an Emergency Medicine Physician in the United States Army Reserve with the rank of Colonel, currently assigned as the Battalion Commander of the 6252D United States Army Hospital, and is a graduate of the U.S. Army War College with a Master of Strategic Studies.