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### Local Organization Empowers Disaster Workers In A World Wide Event

Salem, Or - Who responds to the responder? This is a question a local conference addresses at their upcoming *Out of the Ashes* online event, February 9th and 10th, 2021.

The 2020 wildfires brought devastation, but out of the ashes came solutions and healing through various community responders.

*Bolante.NET*, a local Salem organization, seeks to support these responders with a two-day event. Conference attendees will experience interactive sessions with a group of experts, providing them tools to further help them navigate before, during, and after a crisis. These experts include local elected officials, a representative from FEMA, a city medical examiner, law-enforcement, long-term care facilitators, psychologists, counselors, specialists in cultural relations in crisis, and others.

Since February 2019, dozens of first responders, last responders, healthcare workers, and other professionals have gathered in the halls of the Salem Convention Center for a full two days packed with development, training, and networking. They've learned everything from the ins and outs of compassion fatigue to de-escalating volatile encounters after a disaster. Next month, the *Disaster Behavioral Health Conference - Out of the Ashes* is back for its third year. This time, the annual event goes world wide, so anyone anywhere can join virtually.

Dwyane Hilty, MDiv, Bolante.NET's Non-profit and Community Specialist and a West Side Newspaper columnist, was present for its inaugural conference. With over ten years of experience working with homeless populations and various organizations within the community, Hilty will be presenting at this year's conference with Dr. Ron Glaus. They will share "Disaster Behavioral Health; Concepts and Response" - a course on the general behavioral health concepts. The focus will be on individuals and communities that are impacted by disasters as well as those in disaster response leadership positions.

Hilty says, *"In a world that seems to be increasingly hostile and tense, I believe this year's Bolante.NET's 'Disaster & Behavioral Health Conference' is just what we need! We've got so many amazing groups and leaders that are truly invested in building health and resilience in their local communities. I'm excited to see how their work will grow exponentially as they get specific tools at this year's conference."*

Tickets are now available on [www.dbhconference.com](http://www.dbhconference.com), tribal, student, non-profit and group rates are also available.

Where: Online at [www.DBHConference.com](http://www.DBHConference.com)

When: February 9th and 10th, 2021

Who: First responders, last responders, healthcare professionals, law enforcement, community organizers, and anyone impacted by disasters

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ABOUT BOLANTE.NET: Based in Salem, Oregon, with connections around the world, Bolante.NET emphasizes the importance of training people to prepare, prevent, respond and recover after critical events. With a team of experts, Bolante.NET provides training and consulting for professionals worldwide with strategic and innovative training solutions, equipping clients on how to have plans, teams (Behavioral Threat Assessment), and resources in place for both natural and human induced disasters.

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