Andy Cohen, Keynote Speaker, Author (Challenge Your Assumptions)
Andy Cohen is the Chief Assumption Officer of Andy Cohen Worldwide, a global advisory firm helping multinational companies think differently and make better decisions. A popular and recognized TEDx speaker, author and international thought-leader, Andy has consulted for Nutrisystem, American Express and the Army Cyber Institute. He has a degree in experimental psychology and teaches at some of the world’s most respected universities including New York, Cornell, Duke University, ISB (India), the Qatar Leadership Center, and the CKGSB (China). Andy’s first book, *Follow the Other Hand*, was nominated by The New York Times and has been translated into multiple languages. His new book, *Challenge Your Assumptions, Change Your World*, was written to flip people’s thinking around to drive growth and success.

Lori Collins, Principal, Auburn Village School (Stronger Together: How Member Collaboration is Paying Off)
Lori Collins has been the Principal of Auburn Village School since 2014. Prior to Auburn, she served as Assistant Principal and Technology Director for Hampstead Middle School and Hampstead School District, respectively. She has held various positions in education for the last twenty-seven years. She holds an undergraduate degree from Boston College and recently completed her Doctorate in Educational Leadership from Plymouth State University. She strives to maintain a learning environment that continuously motivates all individuals to excel in addition to creating meaningful relationships among students, families, teachers, staff, and community partners.

Steve M. Couture, MPA, CPM (Project Management for Programmatic Success)
Steven M. Couture, MPA, CPM, serves as Coastal Program Manager for the NH Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) where he oversees the technical assistance services provided to NH’s coastal communities as well as providing direction for state coastal policy. He joined NHDES in 1999 and has served in the NH Army National Guard since 2001. He currently teaches Principles of Management at Granite State College. Mr. Couture graduated from the University of New Hampshire with a dual major BS in Environmental Conservation and International Affairs in 1998, and a Masters in Public Administration in 2012. He earned the Certified Public Manager (CPM) designation in 2011 and is in the current class of Leadership New Hampshire.

Matt Ellis, Journalist, Author and founder of Ellis Strategies (Public Speaking for Your Audience)
Matt Ellis is an award-winning television news journalist, author and founder of Ellis Strategies, a strategic communications firm in Boston, Mass. Matt conducts communications and leadership training for groups from major corporations, healthcare organizations, educational groups and business associations. Matt’s experience as a broadcast journalist and senior news manager provides the foundation for his work as a communications coach. Matt shares the tips and tools on-air reporters, anchors and analysts use to connect with their audiences. Starting as an anchor and reporter at WVVA TV in Bluefield, West Virginia, Matt rose the ranks of TV News to assume positions as Executive Producer for WCBS TV, News Director for WBZ TV and Head Writer for “Good Morning America,” where he was part of the team covering September 11, 2001 and earned a George Foster Peabody Award. In 2017, he published “Don’t Just Say It: a News Director’s Practical Guide to Public Speaking,” which gives speakers at all levels tools to improve their performance and confidence. Matt has been honored with an Emmy Award from the New England Academy of Television Arts and Sciences and was recognized for excellence by the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences, the Associated Press, the Public Relations Society of America and the Publicity Club of New England.
**Peter Fortunato, CISM, CISA, CISSP, Baker Newman Noyes**  
*(CrimeWare: Motives and Money)*

Peter is a manager in the risk and business advisory practice at Baker Newman Noyes, specializing in audit and risk management for a variety of industries. With more than 30 years of IT consulting and management experience, Peter has an extensive background in transforming and improving all aspects of a company’s IT environment. Prior to joining BNN, Peter served as the vice president of technology and information security for a global managed service provider and the bank information systems administrator for a medium sized bank in Maine. In serving clients, Peter focuses on ensuring IT compliance to mitigate risk. He has experience with Federal Reserve Examinations for the banking industry, implementing change control programs, designing and implementing secure network infrastructures, and disaster recovery and business continuity planning. He pursued his bachelor’s degree in computer science, with a concentration in business administration, at the University of Maine, Orono.

**Melissa Gates, Auburn Police Department**  
*(Stronger Together: How Member Collaboration is Paying Off)*

Melissa is a graduate of Southern New Hampshire University with a degree in Psychology, and is currently working on her Masters in Creative Writing and a Masters in Public Relations. Prior to coming to Auburn Police Department in 2014, she worked as a dispatcher for Rockingham County for 13 years. A single mom to her son, Sam, Melissa spends her free time, four wheeling and exploring the outdoors with her son and two dogs at her vacation home in Rangeley, Maine.

**Kathy Growney, Director, Griffin Free Public Library, Auburn**  
*(Stronger Together: How Member Collaboration is Paying Off)*

Kathy Growney has worked in libraries for over 20 years and has been the Director of the Griffin Free Public Library in Auburn since 2016. She received her undergraduate degree from the University of Vermont and her MS in Library and Information Science from Simmons College in Boston. She loves the evolving nature of libraries and the opportunities for positive impacts that library services provides to individuals and communities.

**Bill Herman, Town Administrator, Town of Auburn**  
*(Stronger Together: How Member Collaboration is Paying Off)*

Bill Herman is the Town Administrator for the Town of Auburn, a position he has held for 13 years. Prior to Auburn, he served as Town Administrator for the Towns of Milton and New Durham. He is a graduate of the New Hampshire Certified Public Manager Program and is a member of the Primex Board of Trustees, the NH Municipal Association Board of Directors and is the Secretary of the American Academy of Certified Public Managers. He is also a Certified Barbecue Judge by the Kansas City Barbecue Society.
David Kaye, PowerPlay Founder / Artistic Director (Bias Awareness and Intervention Lab)
David Kaye (PowerPlay Founder / Artistic Director), has worked in various forms of interactive and applied theatre for over twenty years, and has written several books on the subject that have been published in national and international journals. He has received a number of awards as an actor, director, and educator including UNH’s outstanding associate professor and the Leonidas A. Nikole Award for Excellence in Theater Education presented by the New England Theatre Conference. He has held multiple leadership positions with the Association for Theatre in Higher Education and has served on their special committee dedicated to developing the field of applied and interactive theatre.

Shannon M. Kruger, Principal, Armand Dupont School (Stronger Together: How Member Collaboration is Paying Off)
Shannon joined Armand R. Dupont as School Principal in July, 2017. She spent the previous 23 years in other New Hampshire school districts. She has worked in the following positions; School Counselor, K-12 School Counseling Coordinator, Behavior Specialist, Assistant Principal, and Director of Academics and Assessment at the high school level. Each position required some knowledge about appropriate safety response but, it wasn't until she entered administration did she have the opportunity to write, revise, practice, and train others in emergency preparedness. The key to success is collaborating with community resources, emergency personnel, and school district officials to build a safe and supportive learning environment for all stakeholders.

Mark Klose, Rochester Fire Chief (Stronger Together: How Member Collaboration is Paying Off)
Mark E. Klose was named Rochester Fire Chief in July 2017 and joined the department on Aug. 28. Chief Klose, who has spent the entirety of his 28-year career with the Bedford Fire Department, worked his way up through the ranks of the department, rising to a full-time firefighter, captain and most recently the deputy chief for operations and training and the deputy emergency management director. During his time with the Bedford Fire Department, Chief Klose earned numerous distinctions, including being recognized with the 2013 New Hampshire Fire Service Award of Excellence, the 2015 New Hampshire Leather Helmet Society’s Outstanding Service Award, as well as an Army Achievement Medal and Army Commendation Medal, among others.

CJ Lewis, Multimedia Artist, Producer, Educator (Bias Awareness and Intervention Lab)
CJ Lewis is a NH-based, award-winning theatre and multimedia artist, producer, musician, improviser, and creative arts educator. He began working with PowerPlay Interactive Development in 2014 as an Actor-Improviser and started overseeing the program’s administrative duties in April 2016. CJ is a co-founder of the multi-disciplinary creative performance studio Circulus Arts. He is a member of NH Theatre Project’s Resident Professional Company and has worked throughout the country as a teaching artist-in-residence with an interest in engaging students and audiences through interactive cross-disciplinary arts and media experiences. Regionally, CJ has been as the General Manager at The Seacoast Repertory Theatre, where his work has been featured as an actor, director, and playwright. He’s a former artistic associate with and served as Director of Company Advancement for Stage Force in southern Maine, and has directed programming and afterschool filmmaking programs at Portsmouth Public Media. He is an original and consistent company member with Seven Stages Shakespeare Company and has collaborated as a performer, designer, and composer on nearly all their projects since their inception. CJ graduated from UNH’s Department of Theatre & Dance in 2007.
**Steve Maguire, Speaker and Author** *(Putting Joy Back in Your Organization)*

Steve Maguire is a professional speaker, award winning professional educator, best selling author and dad. He has been working with and consulting with the worlds of summer camp and schools for over 20 years. Steve earned his Masters Degree in Curriculum Design and Instruction from Fitchburg State University. He has written two books: one for educators: *Go Turnstone: 23 Ways to Improve your School Relationships*, and one for Summer Camp Professionals with Directors’ Camp colleague Sarah Kurtz McKinnon: *NOT The Way You Have Always Done It: A Book of Camp Tips and Tricks*. In the fall of 2017, Steve began his 21st year teaching, currently teaching multiple science electives (Meteorology, Astronomy, Oceanography and Ornithology) at Scituate High School in Scituate, MA. He also resides in Scituate with Jess, his wife. They are the proud parents of Nolan (8), Emmitt (6), Greta (4) Scotia (3) and their Chocolate Labrador Retriever, Frances (10).

**Krystal Martin CPA, Baker Newman Noyes** *(CrimeWare: Motives and Money)*

Krystal is a senior in the risk and business advisory practice at Baker Newman Noyes. Her experience includes performing systems assurance services for clients across many industries such as both privately-held and publicly-traded companies, regional banks, and other financial institutions. She earned a bachelor’s degree in accounting, with a concentration in international business, from the University of Maine, Orono and a master’s degree in accounting from the University of New Hampshire.

**Nick Manolis, Adjunct Instructor, NH Technical Institute, Consultant** *(Whatever Happened to Civility, Courtesy, and Respect)*

Over the past forty years, Nick Manolis has created a career centering on human resource management, training and development. Nick has held a variety of direct management and consulting positions in the private, public and non profit sectors. For over twenty years, Nick provided the Primex membership with training, consulting and facilitation services. Nick went on to serve as the Vice President of Human Resource Development at Associated Grocers of New England. Currently, Nick is an adjunct instructor with the Business Management Department at New Hampshire Technical Institute, His association continues with Primex by providing training programs to the membership. Nick holds an undergraduate degree in Political Science from the University of New Hampshire and has done graduate work in Business Administration at New Hampshire College.

**Jennifer McArdle, Assistant Professor, Salve Regina University** *(Designing for Cyber Security risk Mitigation and Resilience in the Public Sector)*

Jennifer McArdle is an Assistant Professor of Cyber Defense at Salve Regina University and a Fellow in Defense Studies at the American Foreign Policy Council. Jennifer currently leads a research project that explores computer network operations and the military’s synthetic training environment. Her academic interests include cyber enabled power and statecraft, military readiness, and innovation. Her work has been featured in such outlets as *Real Clear World, The Cyber Defense Review, National Defense Magazine, War on the Rocks*, among others. She currently serves on Congressman James Langevin’s Cyber Rhode Island Advisory Committee. Jennifer was previously at the Potomac Institute for Policy Studies, where she served as a contractor for the Department of Defense, Defense Microelectronics Activity on cyber hardware and supply chain security. She has held positions at the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the U.S. National Defense University and worked in New Delhi, India at two defense research institutions. She is currently a PhD candidate in War Studies with a focus in cybersecurity at King’s College London. She holds a M.Phil in Politics from the University of Cambridge and a B.A. in Political Science and Justice Studies, summa cum laude, phi beta kappa, from the University of New Hampshire.
**Eileen McDargh, Keynote Speaker, Author**  
(Radical Resilience: Leadership Skills in Changing Times)  
Since 1980, Eileen McDargh has helped organizations and individuals transform the life of their business and the business of their life through conversations that matter and connections that count. She believes that resiliency is a critical life skill and one that requires the energy of connections. She draws upon practical business know-how, life's experiences and years of consulting to major national and international organizations that have ranged from global pharmaceuticals to the US Armed Forces, from health care associations to religious institutions. In 2017, Global Gurus International ranked her 4th as one of the World's Top 30 Communication Professionals following a global survey of 22,000 business professionals. She has authored several books including *Your Resiliency GPS: A Guide for Growing through Work Life and Gifts from the Mountain-Simple Truths for Life's Complexities* which won the Benjamin Franklin Gold Award. As a business author and commentator, Eileen has appeared on network news, on radio programs and in business journals and in major metropolitan newspapers. Eileen is a certified speaking professional (CSP) and her election into the CPAE Speaker Hall of Fame places her among the top 3% of speakers in the United States.

**Joseph McQuaid, Editor, Author**  
(Cog Days: A Boy’s Life and One Tragic Summer on Mt. Washington)  
Joe McQuaid began his career at age 15 as a newsroom office boy. He reported sports during high school and later became a news reporter and photographer. He was named editor of the Sunday News in 1971. He has served as managing editor, editor-in-chief, and general manager. In June of 1999, he succeeded Nackey S. Loeb as president and publisher of New Hampshire’s largest newspaper. He has covered local, state, and national politics and has reported from Europe, the Mideast and Afghanistan. He has won numerous writing awards and was honored with the New England Society of Newspaper Editors’ “Yankee Quill” award for significant contribution to the advancement of journalism in New England. Mr. McQuaid is also the president of the Nackey S. Loeb School of Communications, Inc. He was a founding member of the For Manchester civic group and is a past director of the Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce and the Independent Newspaper Group. He served on the Governor’s Old Man of the Mountain Commission and as a judge of the Francis Wayland Parker Scholarship Program. He was awarded an honorary doctor of law degree from Notre Dame College, Manchester, NH in 2000. Mr. McQuaid and his wife, Signe, reside in Manchester.

**Nathan Merritt, Security Officer, West Virginia’s Cyber Security Office**  
(How to Deliver Trusted Government Services)  
Nathan Merritt is a Security Officer with West Virginia’s Cyber Security Office of Technology. Nathan has over 10 years of experience in government IT solutions and has earned certifications including his CISSP and multiple CompTIA and GIAC certifications. Nathan currently leads West Virginia’s Executive Branch Vulnerability Scanning Program, and is responsible for the development and advancement of this program. He is also responsible for a wide variety of additional Cyber Security initiatives, like remote device monitoring, compliance, and internal IT assessments. He is a native of West Virginia and enjoys exploring local history by hiking.
Kimberly Miller, Ph.D.  (Assessing Future Leaders)
Kimberly A. Miller, PhD., a licensed psychologist and an organizational consultant based in Colorado has provided a variety of consulting services to law enforcement agencies, non-profits, hospitals, treatment centers, banks and Native American organizations since 2004. Dr. Miller’s educational background includes a Bachelor’s degree in psychology from Auburn University, a Master’s degree in clinical psychology from Ball State University, and a Ph.D. in counseling psychology from Colorado State University. She has been published in several academic journals, has authored four book chapters, and presented at numerous national and international conferences. Dr. Miller also serves as a reviewer for a number of prominent academic journals, and has received several national and international awards. In addition to her academic credentials, Dr. Miller has significant experience in leadership and mentoring with over 20 years of supervision.

Deb Pendergast, Fire Chief and Director of the NH Fire and EMS Academy  
(Compassion Fatigue and Other Forms of Occupational Stress)
Deb Pendergast been a member of the NH fire service for 25 years and for the last four years, has been serving as the Fire Chief and Director of the NH Fire and EMS Academy. She has held other positions, which include Deputy Chief of Operations and Training for Laconia Fire Department for nearly 10 years, Safety Chief, Lieutenant, and IAFF Local President. In 2007, she graduated from the National Fire Academy Executive Fire Officer program. Chief Pendergast completed the year-long Fire Service Executive Development Institute (FSEDI) through IAFC. Deb has a Bachelor’s Degree in Psychology and extensive training in behavioral health, crisis intervention, critical incident stress management and safety and wellness. Chief Pendergast is currently completing her Master’s Degree in Public Administration and Organizational Behavior. Deb is civic-minded and enjoys giving back to her community. She is currently the President of the Board of Directors of Genesis Behavioral Health, one of the State’s Community Mental Health Centers. She is a long-time volunteer with the Granite State Critical Incident Stress Management Team. Other professional organizations she is involved in include the IAFC, the NH Association of Fire Chiefs Board of Directors, and the International Association of Women in Fire and Emergency Services, serving as the New England Trustee. Chief Pendergast has lectured nationally for the past 6 years on leadership topics as well as emergency responder behavioral health.

Kris Raymond, Allenstown School Board  
(Stronger Together: How Member Collaboration is Paying Off)
Kris brings her 19 years of finance and project management background with Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield to the Allenstown School Board. She currently is the School Board Chair, and is also the school board representative on the Allenstown Municipal Budget Committee. She is also broadening her school board experience by sitting on the PACE Career Academy Board as the AREA representative. She holds the strong belief that when you have people who dedicate themselves to the community to make it a better place, you become a better person being surrounded by those dedicated agents for change.
SPEAKER AND PRESENTER BIOGRAPHIES

Dawn Shea, Police Officer, Allenstown
(Stronger Together: How Member Collaboration is Paying Off)
Dawn is a fearless and highly-skilled crime fighter with nearly 20 years of experience as a New Hampshire Certified Police Officer. She currently serves the Town of Allenstown in the role of Detective Sergeant. Dawn possesses a strong background in criminal investigations, leadership and training. She is a strong team player who has the ability to work hard, accomplish goals, and have fun while doing so! She was a graduate of the 2017 Primex Emerging Leaders (EL) Program and as her final project for the EL Program, she became the driving force behind the creation and implementation of a School Safety Plan and Emergency Operations Plans (EOP) for the Allenstown School district. Though she had little experience with emergency response planning, her dedication to her community and passion to make it a safer place made her a catalyst for positive change.

Rick Van Wickler, Superintendent, Cheshire County DOC and Chameleon Consulting
(Who is in Charge? Me or My Brain?: Exploring the Two Continuums of Aggression)
Rick is the current Superintendent of the Cheshire County Department of Corrections and has been in this position for over 20 years. He founded Chameleon Consulting of New England in 2001 which provides training and consulting on managing aggressive behavior, personnel management and security audits. Rick has taught for over 10 years as an adjunct professor at Keene State College in Justice Studies and American Corrections. He has an extensive background in training, staff development, negotiations and emergency response planning. Rick served in the United States Army and Army Reserve for over 26 years. He has served on many boards and governmental committees working on behalf of law enforcement and corrections. He is former executive Chairman of Law Enforcement Action Partnership an international non-profit law enforcement speakers bureau.

Alan Villeneuve, Project Manager
(Stronger Together: How Member Collaboration is Paying Off)
Alan Villeneuve is currently a Project Manager for a General Contracting company in Southern New Hampshire. He is also an owner and manager of several small business entities in the region. He continues or has had several community roles in Auburn including School Board (11 years running), Conservation Commission (13 years running) Duck Race Committee, Building Committee, and Budget Committee. He attained a Bachelor’s degree from the University of New Hampshire, along with several trade industry certificates and licenses. Together with his family they hope to enjoy and share in the wonderful home community in which they live.
David Bullock, Property & Liability and UC Consultant (Primex3 Risk Explorers)

David Bullock serves as the Unemployment Consultant for Primex3, providing advocacy and representation for members at the New Hampshire Department of Employment Security. David is an AmeriCorps alum who served as a literacy and academic tutor for at-risk students in Nashua and Manchester with City Year New Hampshire and PlusTime New Hampshire. David most recently worked as an Anti-Discrimination Investigator for the NH Commission for Human Rights, the state agency charged with enforcing the state civil rights law in employment, housing, and public accommodations. David graduated from Ohio University receiving a BA in English and History in 2006 and from the University of New Hampshire receiving a Master's Degree in Public Administration in 2009.

Rick Alpers, Risk Management Consultant (Primex3 Risk Explorers)

Rick Alpers, Member Services Consultant, is a graduate of Plymouth State University with a Bachelor’s Degree in Public Management and a minor in history. Prior to joining the Primex3 team, he was a former Town Administrator and is a current member of the Board of Selectmen in Bristol, NH. In his current role as Member Services Consultant, Rick is responsible for providing exceptional customer service to Primex3 members. In that capacity, he conducts regular on-site visits and is the primary contact to answer questions on coverages, programs, and human resources training. He also assists members in various HR needs when called upon, specifically recruitment and selection of a new employee, team building, conflict resolution and behavior assessments.

Tammy Denver, Director of Claims and Coverage Program (Primex3 Risk Explorers)

Tammy is the Director of Claims & Coverage Programs. She joined Primex3 as claims consultant in May 2000, bringing with her comprehensive experience in the investigation of both workers' compensation and casualty claims. She has developed special expertise in handling public entity losses and claims, and has more than 24 years experience handling multi-line and workers’ compensation claims. She is a graduate of Quincy (MA) Junior College with extensive coursework at the University of New Hampshire in civil litigation, attained her Associate in Claims (AIC) and recently received her SCLA designation.

Carol Kilmister, SPHR, Human Resource Consultant (Primex3 Risk Explorers)

Carol is a Human Resource Consultant in the Education and Training Department. Carol was most recently employed as the Director of Human Resources for School Administrative Unit #19 in Goffstown, NH since 2000. Prior to that, she worked for the NH Department of Education as their Public Information Officer. She is a graduate of Rivier College with a Master of Science degree in Human Resource Administration and holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration with a concentration in Marketing and a minor in Psychology from Plymouth State University. In addition, she holds national certification as a Senior Professional in Human Resources (SPHR). She serves on the board of directors for the Association of New Hampshire Public Employer Human Resource Administrators (ANHPEHRA) and is on the Artist in Residence committee in her local community.

Mary Beth Purcell, Property & Liability Claims Supervisor (Primex3 Risk Explorers)

Mary Beth Purcell, Property and Liability Claims Supervisor, handles property and liability claims and coverage questions. She joined Primex3 in August 2002 after working for a commercial carrier for ten years. She has developed special expertise in handling public entity losses and claims. Mary Beth attained her Associate in Claims and recently received her Senior Claims Law Associate. She is a graduate of Merrimack College. When Mary Beth is not working, she and her husband enjoy watching their three children participate in sports.
Mike Ricker, General Counsel (Primex Risk Explorers)

Mike Ricker, General Counsel for Primex, provides legal counsel, claims mitigation, education and training, and legal loss prevention services for Primex. Mike’s legal background includes state and federal civil litigation, trials, appeals and mediation, government defense, business law and contracts, employment practices, and medical malpractice defense. Prior to joining Primex, Mike owned and operated a busy general law practice on the seacoast. He also worked as a litigation attorney at Devine, Millimet & Branch, an Assistant Attorney General for the State of New Hampshire, a judicial law clerk in the New Hampshire Supreme Court with Justice Sherman Horton, and a judicial law clerk for the New Hampshire Superior Court. Mike is a member of the State, Federal, First Circuit and United States Supreme Court Bar Associations, the Association of Corporate Counsel, and the Labor & Employment Law Section of the NH Bar Association. Mike received his BA in History from UNH and his Juris Doctorate with honors from New England Law-Boston. He is currently a Master’s degree candidate in the Management program at Harvard University Extension School and a member of the Leadership Seacoast Class of 2015.

Kate Spillane, Staff Attorney (Primex Risk Explorers)

Kate is a Staff Attorney at Primex, providing guidance and training on employment and workplace legal concerns to our members as part of the Legal and HR Services team. Prior to joining Primex, Kate worked extensively in civil litigation, with a focus on workers’ compensation, personal injury, unemployment compensation, municipal liability, and employment law. In her litigation role, Kate successfully worked with Primex members and claims staff in a wide variety of legal matters. We’re very pleased and excited to be able to bring Kate’s expertise and perspective to all of our members through an in-house legal position that will provide support to our existing and future services. Kate earned her Juris Doctor from Roger Williams University School of Law and her Bachelor of Arts in Humanities from the University of New Hampshire.

Phil St. Cyr, Risk Management Consultant (Primex Risk Explorers)

Phil St. Cyr, Risk Management Services Consultant, works primarily with Primex municipalities and county members to address their risk management, consulting and training needs. Prior to joining Primex, Phil retired at the rank of Lieutenant from the City of Manchester Fire Department after 25 years of service. He was also the Director of Emergency Services for the Greater Manchester Chapter of the American Red Cross. Phil is a certified instructor and former member of the American Red Cross National Disaster Response Team and is a current member of the American Society of Safety Engineers. He holds an A.A.S. degree from NH Technical College in Manchester; is certified in N.I.M.S. (National Incident Management Systems) and E.O.C. (Emergency Operations Center) management. He has an extensive background in Hazardous Materials, Fire Prevention & Safety and Emergency Management & Disaster Planning. Phil has served on numerous local, state and regional planning committees, developing response plans to terrorist threats, natural and manmade disasters, and potential epidemic/pandemic outbreaks.

Dave Witham, Director of Risk Management (Primex Risk Explorers)

Dave Witham, Risk Management Supervisor, has been with Primex for over 25 years. David holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Occupational Safety from Keene State College and holds a Certified Risk Manager (CRM) designation through the National Alliance for Insurance Education and Research. David is currently an At-Large City Councilor in the City of Somersworth and is the Council’s designee to the City’s Planning Board. Dave has chaired the City’s Charter Review Commission and served for more than 24 years as a call firefighter and call department crew chief. When not working, David enjoys umpiring baseball at all levels, something he has done for more than 30 years, coaching youth soccer and hockey, and closely following the UNH Wildcat Hockey program.