

VOLUNTEER LEADERSHIP

ERIC MARTIN



Eric Martin has pioneered search and rescue efforts in New Jersey. In more than 25 years working in the field, he has brought much-needed attention to finding missing children and at-risk adults. Through his work on the Search and Rescue Council, he has forged relationships between search and rescue volunteers and the Missing Persons Unit of the NJ State Police, the State Police K-9 Team, Emergency Management and local law enforcement officials.

As chief of the Central Jersey Technical Rescue Team, Mr. Martin has been instrumental in educating emergency service personnel in search and rescue tactics and management techniques. He responds with his team to calls related to missing children and at-risk adults anywhere in the state and at a moment's notice.

His expertise and training were highlighted in October 2005, when he and his team members relieved exhausted police in Sayreville who had been searching for 10-year-old Manny Vargas for two days. Within a matter of hours Mr. Martin's leadership and strategy resulted in locating and rescuing the unconscious child.

Eric is also the founder of Over the Edge, Inc., and currently serves as coordinator of the Middlesex County Office of Emergency Management and as president of the Search and Rescue Council of New Jersey.

Mr. Martin continues to volunteer while balancing being a husband, father and a business owner. His contributions exemplify the spirit of volunteerism.