



NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD
Investigative Hearing

Norfolk Southern Railway general merchandise freight train 32N
derailment with subsequent hazardous material release and fires,
in East Palestine, Ohio, on February 3, 2023

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Agency / Organization

Specialized Professional Services, Inc.

Title

Biography of Drew McCarty

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President – Specialized Professional Services, Inc. (SPSI)

Mr. McCarty has been an emergency responder for 43 years. He began his emergency response career in 1980 serving as a firefighter, then Captain, and for more than a decade as the Assistant Fire Chief in his community.

He has been working as an industrial emergency response contractor since the spring of 1989. Over the past 34+ years, Mr. McCarty has received training in an array of hazmat and environmental emergencies and industrial firefighting hazards and tactics. He has been recognized for successfully mitigating incidents involving high-hazard chemical emergencies by working to minimize life safety and environmental risks in scores of accidents and safety incidents.

SPSI has earned and maintains its qualifications as a CHLOREP Level III response contractor through the Chlorine Institute, certifications by the Association of American Railroads Bureau of Explosives to change valves and fittings on tank cars, and U.S. Coast Guard Verification as an Oil Spill Removal Organization (OSRO #718). Mr. McCarty holds many hazmat specialist credentials and is a certified Level II Non-Destructive Tester.

Mr. McCarty earned his Bachelor of Science, Business Administration at Kent State University in 1988. He majored in Transportation & Logistics Management.