

# Wakota CAER

**Tuesday, January 12, 2021**

## **Virtual Meeting and Speaker at 9:30 AM**

**Topic: *Red Wing CAER Communication Exercise: After-Action Report & Lessons***



### **Presenters:**

**Brian Schmidt, Chair of Red Wing CAER, Xcel Energy**  
**Brian Black, Wakota CAER and Red Wing CAER, Xcel Energy**  
**Matt Stokes, Wakota CAER and Red Wing CAER, STARS**

Brian Schmidt is an Environmental Analyst with Xcel Energy in Red Wing, MN. He is the facility compliance specialist for three of Xcel Energy's waste-to-energy plants located in MN & WI, where ordinary municipal solid waste is processed & thermally converted into electrical energy. In 2015 he began participating with Red Wing CAER and in 2019 became the organization's Chair with intentions to continue the group's vision of providing and supporting preparedness for public safety and environmental quality. Brian spends much of his personal and professional life on the Upper Mississippi River. He sees the benefit that cooperative groups such as Red Wing & WAKOTA CAER bring to the protection of a river resource for all users to safely enjoy.

Brian Black has worked for Xcel Energy as an Environmental Analyst for six years. His primary responsibilities at Xcel are spill response coordination and storm water compliance. Prior to working at Xcel, Brian earned a Master of Science degree at the University of Minnesota Duluth studying landscape effects on stream temperature, and also taught Biology for five years at Hibbing Community College. He is currently a board member of Wakota CAER and an active member of Red Wing CAER.

Matt Stokes is the founder and lead instructor of Safety Training and Response Strategies, LLC. Matt's background is in environmental laboratory, contaminated site-worker, exercise design and emergency response. Matt is also an Industry Outreach Instructor for the University of Minnesota.

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