



# Northeast Homeland Security Regional Advisory Council

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## 2024 School Safety Seminar

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Northeastern University | Innovation Campus at Burlington MA (ICBM)



### Valerie Claire Haven

Valerie Claire Haven is the first blind individual to earn a degree from the Massachusetts Maritime Academy. She earned her master's degree in emergency management in 2019.

After graduation Valerie established her consulting practice entitled, "Redefining Bravery." She specializes in whole community emergency management and offers training for both EM professionals and community groups. Much of her work involves educating individuals with disabilities on how to make themselves safer.

Valerie is also an ordained minister. Before training in emergency management, she established two chaplaincy programs for the inter-faith disability community. She also worked as a grass roots organizer, a social worker, an event planner, and an academic technologist.

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