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After high school Tom pursued his education, first at Grossmont College then on to San Diego City College. From there he received dual degrees in Public Administration at San Diego State University and California State University Long Beach. Ultimately he completed a Ph.D., in Applied Management and Decision Sciences from Walden University.

Tom obtained his Amateur Radio license (WA6EHD) after high school. At the age of 21 he became a fire fighter at Lemon Grove Fire Department and went on to the San Diego Fire Department as Deputy Fire Marshal. He went on to marry and have two children. That marriage did not work out, so he focused on a career in energy as Energy Manager at Kaiser Hospitals and State of California. After over 20 years of being single he married again and has been living in Sacramento since 1998.

Dr. Damberger has received the Clean Air Award from the South Coast Air Quality Management District, and Special Recognition for Outstanding Contribution in Promoting an Environmentally Sustainable Energy Future from the United States Department of Energy. More recently, after completing several CHP systems, he is assisting in permitting a plasma processing facility in Indiana designed to process 50 TPD of post-consumer products producing syngas to heat, cool and power the facility. In 2012 he received an Award for Excellence in Technology Transfer from the Secretary of Energy Dr. Steven Chu for his work with Sandia National Laboratories in emission free hydrogen fuel cell technologies. Finally, he is working with General Energy Solutions (GES), the largest PV manufacturer located in Taiwan consulting on various projects and building their presence in the US.

He holds Life Teaching Credentials in Fire Science and Public Administration, and holds a Master of Public Administration from California State University, Long Beach. He holds a Ph.D., in Applied Management and Decision Sciences from Walden University.

Tom is currently investigating moving to Panama for his retirement years.

