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FEMA ANNOUNCES MEMBERSHIP OF NATIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

WASHINGTON – Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Administrator David Paulison today announced the membership of the National Advisory Council.

The council advises the Administrator of FEMA on all aspects of preparedness and emergency management in an effort to ensure close coordination with its partners across the country.

“These experts in the field of emergency preparedness and response will bring new and unique perspective to the Department,” said Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff. “We welcome their service and look forward to their valuable contributions and innovative ideas in emergency management.”

“The men and women nominated to serve on the National Advisory Committee are recognized experts across the range of emergency management disciplines,” said Administrator Paulison. “Their extensive knowledge and diverse points of view will be a great asset as they advise us on how we can best respond to natural and manmade disasters together.”

The development of the National Advisory Council was set into motion by the Post-Katrina Emergency Management Reform Act of 2006. Members are appointed by the Administrator and represent a geographic and significant cross section of officials from emergency management and law enforcement, and include homeland security directors, adjutants general, emergency response providers from state, local, and tribal governments, private sector, and nongovernmental organizations.

The Council is being instituted to ensure effective and ongoing coordination of the federal preparedness, protection, response, recovery and mitigation for natural disasters, acts of terrorism, and other man-made disasters. Specifically, the Council will focus attention in the development and revision of the national preparedness goal, the national preparedness system, the National Incident Management System, the National Response Plan, and other related plans and strategies.

The Council intends to hold quarterly meetings each year. Pending final approval of disclosure forms that must by law be submitted by certain appointees, the first meeting is expected to be convened this fall.

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Proposed Membership:

CATEGORY: EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

- **Dr. G. Kemble “Kem” Bennett (TX)** – Vice Chancellor for Engineering and Dean of the Dwight Look College of Engineering at Texas A&M University.
- **Joseph Bruno (NY)** – Commissioner of the New York City Office of Emergency Management
- **Albert Ashwood (OK)** – Director of the Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management & President of the National Emergency Management Association

CATEGORY: EMERGENCY RESPONSE

- **Stephen Cassidy (NY)** – President of the Uniformed Firefighters Assoc. of Greater New York.
- **Kurt Krumperman (AZ)** – Corporate Senior Vice President for Rural/Metro Corporation, the second largest provider of emergency and non-emergency ambulance services in the U.S.
- **Cathey Eide (CA)** – Special Programs Coordinator for the Oakland Fire Department, EMS Division.

CATEGORY: PUBLIC HEALTH

- **Dr. Christina Lynn Catlett (DC)** – Executive Director of The George Washington University Center for Emergency Preparedness & Assistant Professor in the Department of Emergency Medicine, George Washington University Hospital.

CATEGORY: EMERGENCY MEDICAL PROVIDER

- **Angelia Mary Elgin, R.N. (MO)** – Instructor at the IHM Health Studies Center, St. Louis Community College, Fire Academy; Licensed, Registered Professional Nurse, St. Louis University Hospital; Firefighter/ Paramedic, University City Fire Department

CATEGORY: HEALTH SCIENTIST

- **Dr. Kenneth Miller (CA)** – Medical Director of the Orange County Fire Authority; Assistant Medical Director of the Orange County Healthcare Agency/Emergency Medical Services; Co-Director of the University of California-Irvine School of Medicine EMS & Disaster Medical Sciences Fellowship

CATEGORY: IN-PATIENT MEDICAL PROVIDER

- **Dr. Robert Gougelet (NH)** – Assistant Professor in the Department of Medicine, Division of Emergency Medicine, Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center.

CATEGORY: STANDARDS SETTING

- **Robert Connors (MA)** – Director of Preparedness for Raytheon Company.
- **James Paturas (CT)** – Deputy Director of the Yale New Haven Center for Emergency Preparedness and Disaster Response.

CATEGORY: INFRASTRUCTURE PROTECTION

- **Ann Beauchesne (DC)** – Executive Director, Homeland Security Division, of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

CATEGORY: CYBER SECURITY

- **Phillip Reitingner (WA)** – Critical Infrastructure Protection Team with Microsoft Corp.

CATEGORY: COMMUNICATIONS

- **David Barron (DC)** – Assistant Vice President (Retired) for Federal Relations/National Security at the BellSouth (ATT) Corporation.

CATEGORY: DISABILITIES

- **Hilary Styron (DC)** – Director of the Emergency Preparedness Initiative within the National Organization on Disability.

CATEGORY: SPECIAL NEEDS

- **Irene Collins (AL)** – Executive Director of the Alabama Department of Senior Services.

CATEGORY: STATE GOVERNMENT:

- **John William “Bill” Libby (ME)** – Major General and Adjutant General and Commissioner of Defense for the State of Maine.

CATEGORY: LOCAL GOVERNMENT

- **Susanne Torriente (FL)** – Chief of Staff and Assistant County Manager for Public Safety, Information and Technology, for Miami-Dade County.

CATEGORY: TRIBAL GOVERNMENT

- **Charles Kmet (AZ)** – Emergency Management Administrator for the Tohono O’Dham Department of Public Safety.

CATEGORY: STATE ELECTED OFFICIAL

- **John Wesley Hines (MS)** – Member of the Mississippi House of Representatives and its Gaming; Insurance; Juvenile Justice; Military Affairs; Ports, Harbors & Airports; Public Health & Human Services and Public Utilities committees

CATEGORY: LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIAL

- **Dr. Michael Brown, FACOG (ND)** – Mayor of Grand Forks

CATEGORY: TRIBAL ELECTED OFFICIAL

- **Phillip Martin (MS)** – Tribal Chief of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians.

FEMA ADMINISTRATOR SELECTIONS

- **Joanne Hayes-White (CA)** – Chief of the San Francisco Fire Department.
- **Nancy J. Dragani (OH)** – Executive Director of the Ohio Emergency Management Agency.
- **Albert Najera (CA)** – Chief of the Sacramento Police Department.
- **John Didion (WA)** – Sheriff of Pacific County.
- **Mark Malcolm (AR)** – Pulaski County Coroner

HOMELAND SECURITY ADVISORY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE (EX OFFICIO):

- **Dr. Richard “Dick” Andrews (CA)** – Senior Director of Homeland Security Projects, NC4

OFFICER OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT (EX OFFICIO):

- **Peter Verga (DC)** – Principal Assistant Secretary of Defense for Homeland Defense, U.S. Department of Defense.

FEMA manages federal response and recovery efforts following any national incident. FEMA also initiates mitigation activities, works with state and local emergency managers, and manages the National Flood Insurance Program. FEMA became part of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security on March 1, 2003.