



NEMA 2014 Mid-Year Forum Speaker Biographies

W. CRAIG FUGATE

W. Craig Fugate began serving in the position of administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency in May 2009. Under his leadership, FEMA has fostered a community-oriented approach to emergency management to build sustainable and resilient communities; instituted a permanent catastrophic planning effort; integrated those with functional needs into the planning process; actively engaged the private sector in the response and recovery phases and is currently implementing a national preparedness system to build unity of effort in addressing the nation's most significant risks.

Prior to joining FEMA, Mr. Fugate served as director of the Florida Division of Emergency Management. In that position, he managed 138 full-time staff and a budget of \$745 million and led the agency in becoming the first statewide emergency management program in the nation to receive full accreditation from the Emergency Management Accreditation Program. During his years at FDEM, Mr. Fugate served as the state coordinating officer in Florida for 11 Presidentially-declared disasters and the management of \$4.5 billion in federal disaster assistance. In 2005, under the Emergency Management Assistance Compact, Florida launched the largest mutual aid response in its history in support of Gulf Coast states impacted by Hurricane Katrina. Mr. Fugate began his emergency management career as a volunteer firefighter, emergency paramedic, and finally as a lieutenant with the Alachua County Fire Rescue. In 1987, he moved from exclusive fire rescue operations to serving as the emergency manager for Alachua County in Gainesville, Fla. A decade later, he was appointed bureau chief for preparedness and response for FDEM.

MARK GHILARDUCCI

Mark S. Ghilarducci is the director of the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services. As a member of the cabinet, Mr. Ghilarducci serves as the Governor's Homeland Security Advisor (HSA) and oversees statewide public safety, emergency management, emergency communications, counter-terrorism efforts and the State Threat Assessment System (STAS). He has more than 30 years of diversified service in both the public and private sectors, in the emergency services, fire and rescue and homeland security disciplines.

Prior to being named director, Mr. Ghilarducci was appointed to several other positions, including deputy director of the California OES by Governor Gray Davis; federal coordinating officer at the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) by President William J. Clinton and nine years as deputy fire chief and director of special operations in the Fire and Rescue Division within the Office of Emergency Services. Operationally, he has served in both command and technical advisory positions at many high profile and complex events, including the collapse of the I-880 Cypress Freeway in Oakland, following the 1989 Loma Prieta Earthquake; the 1995 Great Hanshin (Kobe, Japan) earthquake; commander of the National US&R Incident Management Team, dispatched to manage technical rescue operations following the 1995 bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City; and coordinator of the California response to the World Trade Center and Pentagon Terrorist attacks in 2001. He also worked for ten years in the private sector, as vice president and director of the Western States and Asia -Pacific Office of Witt Associates, an international crisis and consequence management consulting firm, based in Washington DC, and as a partner with the firm Diamante Partners, LLC, a general management and public policy consulting firm, based in Sacramento, CA.

BRAD KIESERMAN

Brad Kieserman began serving as the chief counsel of the Federal Emergency Management Agency in March 2010. The Office of Chief Counsel advises the Administrator and all of FEMA's directorates on legal matters related to agency programs and operations. Prior to coming to FEMA, Mr. Kieserman served as Associate General Counsel for Operations and Enforcement in the Department of Homeland Security's Office of the General Counsel. In that role, Kieserman's portfolio included emergency and incident management, use of force, counterterrorism operations, law enforcement authorities and activities, international operations, border, aviation, maritime and transportation-related security, and screening and credentialing programs.

In 2009, Mr. Kieserman received an appointment to the Senior Executive Service after 22 years in civilian, enlisted, and commissioned officer positions with the U.S. Coast Guard. This included serving as the legal advisor to the Coast Guard's Chief of Law Enforcement during and after the attacks of September 11, 2001, Mr. Kieserman was selected in 2004 as the first chief of the Coast Guard's Operations Law Group. In that position, he oversaw the provision of real-time, on-demand legal advice for worldwide Coast Guard operations, conducted numerous international negotiations and trained hundreds of attorneys. Mr. Kieserman is also a co-author of the President's Maritime Operational Threat Response Plan and served as the federal MOTR Coordinator for hundreds of maritime incidents and interdictions, including the pirate attack on the U.S. flagged vessel Maersk Alabama off the coast of Somalia in 2009. In 2008, Mr. Kieserman received the Secretary of Homeland Security's Silver Medal, which is awarded for exceptionally meritorious service to the department, and to the federal government.

JOHN MADDEN

Mr. Madden has served his state and his country for more than 40 years. First appointed by Gov. Sarah Palin in January 2007, he continues under Gov. Sean Parnell as the director of the Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Management for the state of Alaska. After military service in Vietnam with the U.S. Army, Mr. Madden joined the U.S. Civil Service with the department of the Navy, working with the Naval Weapons Engineering Support Activity, Naval Electronic Systems Command and the Joint Cruise Missile Project Office. He then joined the department of Energy, focusing on fossil fuels programs and research and development into alternative fuels. In 1982, he moved to Alaska with the National Weather Service and later worked with the Alaskan region of the Federal Aviation Administration as executive staff to the regional administrator.

Mr. Madden also supported FEMA in several exercises and served in several Disaster Field Offices, most notably in Puerto Rico and Florida in response to Hurricane Georges. In addition, he was with the Transportation Security Administration as deputy federal security director for Anchorage International Airport and eight other Alaska airports. He has been a member of several national and regional organizations including the National Homeland Security Consortium; the National Governors Association Homeland Security Advisory Council and the National Preparedness Task Force in 2010. Mr. Madden is the immediate past president of NEMA.

JON MEACHAM

Pulitzer Prize-winning author and contributing editor at TIME, Jon Meacham is one of America's most prominent public intellectuals. Known as a skilled raconteur and an accomplished historian with a depth of knowledge about politics, religion, and current affairs, he understands and analyzes how issues and events impact modern life. Mr. Meacham's latest presidential biography, *Thomas Jefferson: The Art of Power*, is a #1 New York Times bestseller. Fortune magazine hailed it as "masterful and intimate," Amazon.com named it one of the best books of the year, and Walter Isaacson called it "A true triumph. A fascinating look at how Jefferson wielded his driving desire for power and control."

As executive vice president and executive editor at the Random House Publishing Group, Mr. Meacham edited the Politico Inside Election 2012 e-book series and a book by Al Gore. He is also at work on a biography of

President George H.W. Bush. He started his career at Newsweek in 1995, serving as the magazine's managing editor from 1998 to 2006 and editor from 2006 to 2010. The New York Times called him "one of the most influential editors in the news magazine business." Now a contributing editor at TIME, he writes for the magazine's Ideas section.

DAVID MILLER

David Miller serves as FEMA's associate administrator for the Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration (FIMA), a position he has held since September 2011. Prior to that, he was the administrator of the Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division from 2004-2011. During his tenure, he served as the Governor's Authorized Representative for eleven president-declared major disasters, including the 2008 flooding disaster that was the largest disaster to occur in the state of Iowa and, at that time, was the fifth largest disaster in the United States. Total federal dollars obligated topped \$1.2 billion and included more than \$350 million in hazard mitigation funding. Under Mr. Miller's leadership, Iowa was one of only twelve states to achieve national accreditation under the Emergency Management Accreditation Program, allowing for increased funding under FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP).

Prior to the Iowa administrator position, Mr. Miller served in a number of roles at the division between 1989 and 2004. These included the State of Iowa E911 Program Manager, the division legislative liaison, special projects coordinator and division chief of staff. During this same time period, he acted as the alternate Governor's Authorized Representative or alternate State Coordinating Officer in 15 President-declared major disasters. In addition, Mr. Miller was selected for several national leadership positions, including terms as vice president and president of the National Emergency Management Association.

JAKE WOOD

Jake Wood is the co-founder and president of Team Rubicon, a disaster relief nonprofit known for its extraordinary efforts during the 2010 earthquake in Haiti. Mr. Wood uses his military experience to speak about leadership in high-stakes situations. He is also the founder of POS REP, the first mobile, proximity-based social network designed exclusively for the veteran community. Prior to Team Rubicon, Mr. Wood served as a sergeant in the United States Marine Corps, with deployments to both Iraq and Afghanistan as a scout sniper. He received numerous awards in combat, and was the Honor Graduate of Recruit Training, The School of Infantry and Marine Scout Sniper Course. In 2012, he was named a CNN Hero.

GLEN WOODBURY

Glen Woodbury is the director of the Naval Postgraduate School's Center for Homeland Defense and Security, responsible for leading the center's strategic commitment to servicing the homeland security educational priorities of the U.S. Departments of Homeland Security and Defense, as well as local, state, tribal and federal agencies. His previous responsibilities as an associate director from 2004-2007 included the development of executive education workshops, seminars, and training for senior state and local officials as well as military leaders. Mr. Woodbury also was the director of the Emergency Management Division for the State of Washington from 1998 through 2004, and is a NEMA Past President (2002-2003). Prior to his selection as the agency's director, he managed the state's Emergency Operations Center for two years. He also served in the U.S. Army as a communications officer.

ELIZABETH ZIMMERMAN

Elizabeth Zimmerman is the deputy associate administrator for the Office of Response & Recovery, which is responsible for the coordination and integration of FEMA's response, recovery and logistics programs and operations. She joined FEMA in June 2009 as the deputy and principal advisor to the ORR Associate

Administrator. During her tenure with the agency, she has championed the development, collaboration and publication of the National Disaster Recovery Framework, the Recovery Support Functions, and the Federal Disaster Recovery Coordination. She also coordinated the implementation of the Sandy Recovery Improvement Act (SRIA), one of the most significant changes to FEMA's statutory authorities in the agency's history. In particular, she managed the implementation of direct tribal declarations, authorized under SRIA, and worked to increase the understanding of the challenges facing Indian Country throughout ORR programs.

Ms. Zimmerman brings decades of state-level emergency management experience to her position at FEMA. Prior to her assignment, she served as the assistant director of Recovery for the State of Arizona. In that capacity, she acted as the Governor's Authorized Representative for numerous federally-declared disasters as well as scores of state level disaster response and recovery operations. She began her career with the Utah Division of Comprehensive Emergency Management after the 1984 Salt Lake City Flood. There, she managed several programs including Disaster Recovery, Administration and Recovery, Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness, and Emergency Preparedness Planning.