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Overview

Internationally recognized expert, lecturer, author on Emergency Management and General Resiliency

Experience and Successes

May 2011 to present | Senior Associate for Emergency Management and Homeland Security | Booz |Allen | Hamilton | McLean, Virginia

Responsible for Mission Support, Emergency Preparedness, Higher Education, Workforce Development and Professional Training

May 2007 - 2011 | Senior Principal and Senior Advisor for Emergency Management and Continuity Programs

SRA International | Arlington, VA

Responsible for leading the development and enhancing the quality of emergency management services to Government, non-profit, and private sector clients. **Value:** \$10M annually

2001 - 2007 | Senior Advisor for Emergency Management, Homeland Security, and Business Security

EDS | Herndon, VA

- Served as the company's senior advisor for all Resiliency related programs., including serving as enterprise architect for building out virtual emergency operations centers

1993 - 2001 | Associate FEMA Director in charge of National Preparedness, Training, and Exercises

FEMA | Washington, DC

- Presidentially appointed, Senate Confirmed
- Responsible for the US National Preparedness programs and the planning, tests, training, and exercises supporting them, as well as the partnership outreach and technology transfer to enhance them and share them worldwide
- Programs of responsibility included the Emergency Management Institute (EMI), Mt. Weather, NATO Civil Emergency Planning Committee, US-Canadian Consultative Group on Emergency Preparedness, Chair of the National Emergency Food and Shelter Board, Founder of the FEMA Higher Education Program (taking it from 2 Emergency Management degree programs to nearly 200 today across the country), Radiological Emergency Preparedness Program, Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program, State and Local Preparedness, Nation Exercises Program, Tribal Preparedness, Community and Family Preparedness, and Customer Service Program.

1982 - 1993 | Senior Assistant to the Governor for Intergovernmental Relations

Governor William Jefferson Clinton | State Capitol, Little Rock, Arkansas

- Primary gubernatorial liaison for state agencies providing citizen services to include public safety, including the White House, Congress, state officials, local officials, and state/local employees, overseeing the development of hundreds of new fire departments, a model new retirement system for public safety officers, a death benefit program for those who lose their lives on duty, building a new pay grid for state employees, building a statewide mutual aid arrangement among local entities and the first state program to protect emergency medical services regarding HIV AIDS. Traveling the state to represent the Governor at events he could not attend and traveling with the Governor to all public safety related speeches, among others.

1981 - 1982 | Chief Deputy State Auditor

State Capitol, Little Rock, Arkansas

Providing pre-audit function for all state agencies and all three branches of state government, as well as stakeholder outreach, including building a model state police and fire retirement system

1979 - 1981 | Project Director

Association of Arkansas Counties | Little Rock, Arkansas

Providing outreach to state and local judicial officials to encourage them to share information and technology systems, under a law enforcement grant, and speaking at events around the state.

1979 | Research Director

Arkansas State Constitutional Convention | State Capitol, Little Rock, Arkansas

Managing 8 research assistants, including former US Secretary of Transportation Rodney E. Slater, who were responsible for each of 8 articles of the proposed new constitution, speaking around the state educating the public and leadership, including television appearances at each of the state's 9 television stations and radio networks.

1977 - 1979 | Project Director

Educational Finance Study Commission | Arkansas Legislature, State Capitol, Little Rock, Arkansas

Directed the comprehensive study of educational finance in the 50 states, the impact of the finance system in Arkansas, and creating a new formula of funding public schools across the state.

Education and Skills

- BA - Public Administration, University of Arkansas at Fayetteville
- MA - Public Administration, University of Arkansas at Fayetteville
- Doctoral Studies in Public Administration, West Virginia University, Morgantown, West Virginia
- Doctoral Studies in American History at American University, Washington, DC
- Program for senior executives in state and local government, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts

Professional Leadership

- President, the Foundation for Higher Education Accreditation of Emergency Management Degree Programs, 2006 to present
- Vice President, EVERY CHILD IS OURS FOUNDATION
- Volunteer Chancellor, World Disaster Management Community College, Kanana, Northwest Province, South Africa
- Member, Turkish Strategic Planning Committee on Emergency Management, Istanbul, 2010
- Adjunct Faculty, Istanbul Technical University (Capstone Course in Master's Program at Center for Excellence in Disaster Management), Western Washington University (Social Issues in Emergency Management for the 21st Century), and University of Nevada at Las Vegas (Human Condition in Disasters)
- Vice President for North America, Global Alliance for Disaster Reduction, 2003 – present
- Chair, International Association of Emergency Managers Committee on Training and Education, 2004 to 2011
- Chair, ASTM Working Group on Emergency Preparedness Guidelines for Primary and Secondary Schools, 2006 to 2011
- Chair, Governor's Working Group on Emergency Preparedness Curriculum for Virginia's K – 12 Schools, 2008 to 2010
- Executive board, Virginia Emergency Management Association, 2004 to 2010
- Member, Gubernatorial Appointee to Virginia's Secure Commonwealth Panel, 2003 to 2010

- Advisory board, Wilbur D. Mills Treatment Center for Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention, 1989 to present
- Board of Trustees, University of Arkansas Alumni Association, 2008 – present
- Editorial Review Board, EOC Magazine, present
- Editorial Review Board, Homeland Security Television Network, 2009 – present
- Columnist, Domestic Preparedness Journal, 2008 to present
- Editorial Review Board, Journal of Emergency Management present
- Senior Advisor, Disaster Resistant California Community Colleges, 2006 – 2008
- Chair, National Emergency Food and Shelter Program, representing FEMA, 1996 – 2001
- US Representative, NATO Civil Emergency Planning Committee, 1993 – 2001
- President, Arkansas Political Science Association, 1986
- President, Pi Sigma Alpha Honor Society, 1987

Publications, Awards and Recognition

- Distinguished Alumni, J. William Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences, University of Arkansas, 2006
- Arkansan of the Year, Mental Health Institute, 2000
- Kay Goss Women’s Health Center, on the campus of the Wilbur D. Mills Treatment Center for Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention
- Life Time Achievement Award for 20 years service on the Wilbur D. Mills Treatment Center
- Hundreds of articles on state and local government, emergency management, and homeland security
- Five books:
 - The City Manager Plan in Arkansas, published by the University of Arkansas
 - Political Paradox: Constitutional Revision in Arkansas, published by the National Municipal League
 - The Arkansas Constitution: a Reference Guide, published by Rutgers University and Praeger Press
 - The Emergency Management Handbook, published by Oklahoma State University
 - Wilbur D. Mills: the Life and Legacy of Mr. Chairman (at publisher’s)

Affiliations (Current)

- US House of Representatives Chiefs of Staff Alumni Association
- International Association of Emergency Managers
- National Emergency Management Association
- Virginia Emergency Management Association
- Arkansas Emergency Management Association
- Arkansas Historical Association, Permanent member
- Arkansas Political Science Association
- Arkansas Women's History Institute, Life Member
- University of Arkansas Alumni Association, Life Member, A+, and Board of Trustees
- National Education Association, Life Member
- Arkansas Education Association, Life Member
- Arkansas Retired Teachers Association, Life Member