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DHS&EM Director Madden Named President of NEMA

John Madden to Provide Leadership to Nations Emergency Manager Association

ANCHORAGE, Alaska – John Madden, Director of the State of Alaska Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DHS&EM) has been named President of the National Emergency Management Association (NEMA). NEMA is the professional association of and for emergency management directors from all 50 states, eight territories, and the District of Columbia.

“Under John’s leadership DHS&EM has established a standard of emergency management recognized nationally for its excellence,” Governor Sean Parnell said. “John’s leadership role with NEMA will allow other states to benefit from Alaska’s wide range of disaster experiences, allow Alaska to gain additional insight into the challenges other states face, and give Alaska a strong voice in the national emergency management policy conversation.”

NEMA provides national leadership and expertise in comprehensive emergency management: serves as a vital emergency management information and assistance resource; and advances continuous improvement in emergency management through strategic partnerships, innovative programs, and collaborative policy positions.

“I am honored and humbled to serve as president of NEMA. NEMA is dedicated to serving the Nation through the States and their emergency management directors. It confronts complex issues, develops strategic concepts, and increases tactical effectiveness of response and recovery. As good as we are in protecting our citizens and their vital interests, we can do better. I will devote my time and service as NEMA president to improving our service and our capabilities,” said Madden.

Madden has been a member of NEMA since 2007 and has served as NEMA Vice President and on the NEMA Board of Directors. Madden has served on several NEMA committees such as, Preparedness, Mitigation, Homeland Security, and on the Pacific and Territorial Caucus.

The term of NEMA President is one year.

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