



Secretary Napolitano Applauds President Obama's Intent to Nominate Richard Serino as Deputy Administrator of FEMA

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U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Secretary Janet Napolitano today applauded President Obama's intent to nominate Richard Serino—who brings 35 years of emergency management and emergency medical services experience—as Deputy Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA).

“Richard’s decades of service responding to and managing emergencies will be an asset to our Department,” said Secretary Napolitano. “I look forward to working with him to strengthen our capabilities and reinvigorate our preparedness, response, and recovery efforts across the country.”

As Deputy Administrator of FEMA, Serino will work with Administrator Craig Fugate to build, sustain, and improve the Department’s capacity to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from, and mitigate all hazards.

Richard Serino

Richard Serino currently serves as Chief of Emergency Medical Services and Assistant Director for the Boston Public Health Commission. In this role, he has helped bolster the city’s response plans for chemical, biological, and radiological attacks and other emergency incidents.

Previously, Serino worked for Boston Emergency Medical Services for 35 years—beginning as a paramedic and rising to Superintendent-in-Chief and Superintendent for Field Operations. He has served as a guest lecturer on homeland security and emergency preparedness issues at Harvard University and Boston University and as a national faculty member for the Domestic Preparedness Program at the U.S. Department of Defense. Additionally, Serino has participated in Senior Leadership programs in national preparedness and homeland defense at Harvard’s Kennedy School of Government and at the Naval Postgraduate School’s Center for Homeland Defense and Security.

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