

Ridge Announces Appointments

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Homeland Security Advisor Tom Ridge today announced the appointment of the following individuals to serve as Members of the State and Local Officials Senior Advisory Committee to the President's Homeland Security Advisory Council.

The State and Local Officials Senior Advisory Committee was established by Executive Order 13260 of March 19, 2002. The purpose of this committee is to provide the President's Homeland Security Advisory Council with advice on increasing America's security from experts representing state and local government.

Governor Michael Leavitt of Utah will serve as Chair. He is the 14th Governor of the State of Utah. Leavitt is also a past Chairman of the National Governors Association.

Mayor Anthony Williams of the District of Columbia will serve as Vice Chair. He was elected Mayor of the District of the Columbia in 1998. Before his election, he was Chief Financial Officer of the District of Columbia.

James Dunlap of Oklahoma is the Minority Floor Leader in the Oklahoma State Senate. He currently serves on the American Legislative Exchange Council National Board of Directors and recently was the organization's chairman.

Robert Eckels of Texas is currently a County Judge from Harris County and serves as director of Emergency Management. From 1982 to 1994, he was a member of the Texas State House of Representatives.

Donna Finn of Ohio currently serves as Township Trustee in Jefferson Township (Franklin County). Prior to her election, she was the Township's chief zoning enforcement officer as Zoning and Development Coordinator.

Glenda Hood of Florida is Mayor of the City of Orlando. Before becoming Mayor in 1992, she served as an Orlando City Council member. Mayor Hood is a past president of the National League of Cities.

Don Knabe of California is presently on the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors. He previously served as Chief of Staff, Fourth District Supervisor and Mayor of Cerritos, CA.

Bill Pryor of Alabama is Attorney General of Alabama. Previously he served as Deputy Attorney General in charge of special civil and constitutional litigation.

The State and Local Senior Advisory Committee will also include representatives from the National Governors Association, the Council of State Governments, the United States Conference of Mayors, the National League of Cities, the National Association of Counties, the National Conference of State Legislatures, and the International City-County Managers Association.

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