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Miller Begins Tenure as NEMA President

DES MOINES – David Miller, administrator of the Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division, began his tenure as president of the National Emergency Management Association (NEMA) on Oct. 20.

NEMA is the professional association of and for state emergency management directors. Miller will serve as NEMA's president through October 2011.

"I am honored to have been chosen by my colleagues and peers to represent them during such an exciting and important time in emergency management," said Miller.

"NEMA will continue working with our public and private partners in shaping policy to ensure our citizens are safe and secure and our communities are resilient in the face of any threat or disaster."

Miller had served as NEMA's president-elect for one year, beginning in October 2009, and will continue his leadership role with NEMA after his term as president by serving one year as the Association's past president.

As president, Miller will be responsible for leading a board of NEMA directors in providing leadership, guidance and direction for the Association, and representing the views of NEMA members to the federal government, Congress and the White House. In addition, he will preside over the development and implementation of the organization's strategic plan, assist with training programs for newly-appointed state emergency management directors, and develop and preside over two national NEMA conferences during his tenure.

"David Miller is exceedingly qualified to serve as president of the National Emergency Management Association. He is an experienced state emergency manager who is widely respected by his peers across the nation. David has served in various leadership positions within NEMA including chair of the Legislative Committee, regional vice president and a member of the NEMA Board of Directors. His experience will serve the Association well," said Trina Sheets, executive director of NEMA, following Miller's election in 2009.



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