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Bryan Koon is the Director of the Florida Division of Emergency Management and President of the National Emergency Management Association (NEMA). Prior to joining the Division, Koon served as Walmart's Director of Emergency Management after serving for three years as the Senior Operations Manager in Walmart's Emergency Management Department. In this role, he was responsible for all aspects of Walmart's Emergency Management efforts, including preparedness, planning, operations, recovery, and mitigation. With a presence in every state plus operations in over 30 international locations, 2.2 million associates, and nearly 100,000 vendors and suppliers, every incident world-wide had a potential impact. The Emergency Management department's role is to manage those events and ensure customer and associate safety, maintain and restore business operations, and assist the community.

Prior to Walmart, Koon worked at the White House Military Office for seven years. He started as a Watch Officer in the President's Emergency Operations Center, when he was an active duty Navy officer. He then spent two years as Training Officer for Presidential Contingency Programs where he conducted training and exercises for the White House Military Office, United States Secret Service, Federal Emergency Management Agency, and others. After concluding his active duty Navy service, Koon continued to serve at the White House while working as a contractor from SRA, International.

Bryan's specialty in the Navy was as a surface warfare officer. He served on two ships, USS INDEPENDENCE (CV 62) and USS PORT ROYAL (CG 73), where he made several deployments while serving as Main Machinery Room Officer and Main Propulsion Assistant.

Bryan has a BS in Natural Resources from Cornell University, and an MBA and a Graduate Certificate in Emergency and Crisis Management from the George Washington University. He has also attended the Executive Leader's Program at the Center for Homeland Defense and Security at the Navy Postgraduate School in Monterey, CA.