



Patrick Sheehan

Director, Tennessee Emergency Management Agency



Patrick Sheehan serves as the Director of the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency (TEMA). Sheehan was formerly the operations administrator for the Ohio Emergency Management Agency. During his time as administrator, Sheehan led Ohio's Emergency Operations Center and the Radiological and Preparedness Branches, successfully managing the state's response to several declared emergencies including the 2014 Ebola event, a 2014 drinking water crisis in Toledo, a statewide propane shortage in 2014, and a 2012 statewide long-term power outage and heat wave impacting 33 Ohio counties.

Sheehan joined the Ohio Emergency Management Agency in 2004 as part of the finance staff and was consistently promoted to various leadership roles in the agency. As operations administrator he spearheaded the formation of an emergency management watch office to provide constant monitoring of emergency situations and immediate response operations.

Sheehan is a graduate of Kennesaw State University and completed additional studies in business and public administration at Ohio State University and Capital University. He also served in the U.S. Army Reserves as a chemical operational specialist.

He is Vice Chairman of the NEMA Response and Recovery Committee and serves on the Board of Directors as the Region IV Vice President.