

JONATHON MONKEN

Jonathon Monken was appointed by Governor Pat Quinn as Director of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) on February 14, 2011. As director, Mr. Monken oversees Illinois' disaster preparedness and response, nuclear safety and homeland security programs, as well as the agency's 225+ employees and a budget of more than \$425 million. In this capacity, he also serves as the Illinois Homeland Security Advisor to the Governor.

At IEMA, Mr. Monken has directed the response and recovery effort to nearly 100 Illinois counties declared State disaster areas which included the statewide response to the 2011 blizzard, the record floods in 2011 and 2013 and the devastating tornados that struck Harrisburg and Ridgeway in 2012 and the statewide tornado outbreak on November 17th of 2013.

Mr. Monken is Chairman of the Central United States Earthquake Consortium (CUSEC), a partnership of the eight states affected by the New Madrid Seismic Zone. He serves as the National Emergency Management Association (NEMA) Vice-President for FEMA Region V and the Vice-Chair of the NEMA Homeland Security Committee. Mr. Monken serves on the Board of Directors for the National Information Sharing Consortium (NISC) and is a member of the Governors Homeland Security Advisors Council.

Prior to becoming IEMA director, Monken served for two years as Acting Director of the Illinois State Police, an agency with a staff of 3,400 sworn and civilian personnel and an annual budget of approximately \$428 million. Jonathon also possesses a distinguished military career having served one tour of duty in Kosovo and two combat tours in Iraq between January 2003 and December 2006. While serving with the United States Army, Major Monken was awarded the Bronze Star Medal and the Army Commendation Medal with "V" Device for valor in combat.

Monken graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point, where his military class rank placed him in the top 1% of his class. He also holds an MBA from Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management.

Jonathon enjoys being active in his community and is a proud member of American Legion Post #1922 and Springfield Mid-Town Club of Rotary International.

He lives in Springfield with his wife Jennifer and their sons Jack, Luke and Zach.