

CHRISTOPHER W. FRECH

Chris Frech is currently the Co-Chair of The Alliance for Biosecurity and the the SVP Global Government Affairs for Emergent BioSolutions. Chris is responsible for managing global government affairs, public policy, community engagement, and the Emergent BioSolutions employees PAC. Chris first joined the company in February of 2009 as the Vice President of Government Affairs.

Emergent BioSolutions is a global specialty biopharmaceutical company dedicated to one simple mission—to protect and enhance life. We develop, manufacture, and deliver a portfolio of medical countermeasures for biological and chemical threats as well as emerging infectious diseases.

Prior to joining Emergent, Chris established himself as an experienced senior government official with over 15 years of legislative experience. Most recently, Chris served in the Bush Administration as the Deputy Assistant to the President for Legislative Affairs, overseeing and managing the House legislative affairs team, which represented and advocated the policies of the President and the Administration before the U.S. House of Representatives. Chris served as President George W. Bush's Administration from 2003 to 2009.

Prior to his service to the President, Chris was the Deputy Chief of Staff and Rules Committee Associate for the Honorable Deborah Pryce, who represented Ohio's 15th Congressional District. Chris began working for the Congresswoman as an unpaid intern in 1993 and went on to serve with her for almost eleven years.

In 1996, Chris completed training and qualified as a wildland firefighter with the U.S. Forest Service. He was deployed to front line firefighting in the John Day Wilderness on the Umatillia National Forest in eastern Oregon, and has been certified to participate as a wildland firefighter on both state and federal incidents.

Chris was born in Passaic, NJ in 1966, and grew up in northern New Jersey. He attended Wheeling Jesuit University, in Wheeling, WV where he received a Bachelor of Arts in International Studies (1989). Chris then attended West Virginia University, in Morgantown, WV where he completed his Masters in Public Policy (1998) with a concentration in international public policy and policy analysis. During the summer of 1987, Chris participated in the University of New Orleans program in Belgium where he studied French, European Civilization, and worked on restoration of a 12th century Château. In 1988, Chris attended the Georgetown University summer session and studied modern middle-eastern military conflict and strategy.

In his free time, Chris is an avid mountain biker, trail runner, endurance athlete, and backcountry enthusiast. Chris resides in Alexandria, Virginia.