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## **BIOGRAPHY – KEVIN MCGOWAN**

Kevin McGowan serves as the Director of the Los Angeles County Office of Emergency Management. Leading an all-hazards emergency management program, Mr. McGowan is responsible for countywide emergency management preparedness, planning, coordination, training, response, recovery and mitigation efforts. During his tenure with Los Angeles County and in previous emergency management positions, Mr. McGowan has led preparedness, response and recovery efforts for multiple presidential major disaster declarations and for numerous natural, technological and human caused disasters such as wildland fires, debris flows, severe winter storms, a mass fatality shooting and hazardous materials events

A native of Southern California, Mr. McGowan holds a bachelor's degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a master's degree in Public Policy from Pepperdine University. Mr. McGowan has attended a variety of emergency management educational programs, to include FEMA's National Emergency Management Executive Academy, the Naval Post Graduate School's Center for Homeland Defense and Security's Executive Leaders Program and Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government Leadership in Crises.