



Charley English

Director, Georgia Emergency Management Agency/ Homeland Security

Charley English serves Governor Nathan Deal as the director of the Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA) and Homeland Security. He has been in this position since February 2006.

He joined GEMA in February 1996, as part of the Olympic planning team and has served in various leadership positions during his tenure. Director English oversees all state government activities related to Homeland Security and Emergency Management, including responsibilities of the State Fusion Center and Homeland Security Grant Program. During his career, Director English was a member of the G8 Summit security planning team and has coordinated the state's response to thirteen (13) presidentially declared disasters and numerous states of emergency declared by the Governor.



Director English serves as President of the National Emergency Management Association and is Chairman of Georgia's Homeland Security Task Force. He also serves as the Chairman of the Governor's 9-1-1 Modernization Commission and is the state Point of Contact for the national Public Safety Broadband initiative (FirstNet). In addition, Director English was appointed to serve on the congressionally mandated Local, State, Tribal and Federal Preparedness Task Force and also serves on FEMA's Regional Advisory Council (Region IV). He has served on the Board of Directors of the Governors' Homeland Security Advisors Council of the National Governor's Association.

Prior to joining GEMA, he was responsible for the management of Georgia's ten regional police academies as director of training for the Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) Council. Prior to joining POST, he worked with the Clayton County Police Department for eight years serving his last assignment as the regional police academy director. Director English earned his Associate's degree in Criminal Justice from Clayton Junior College, his bachelor's degree in Public and Urban Affairs from Georgia State University and his master's degree in Homeland Security and Defense from the Naval Postgraduate School where he earned the Professor Phillip Zimbardo Award for academic achievement.