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News Release

IAEM Supports Nomination of Dr. Daniel Kaniewski for FEMA Deputy Administrator

August 31, 2017 (Falls Church, Va.) – The U.S.A. Council of the International Association of Emergency (IAEM-USA) today delivered a [letter](#) to the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee urging Chairman Ron Johnson and Ranking Member Claire McCaskill to quickly take up the nomination of Dr. Daniel Kaniewski to be FEMA’s Deputy Administrator of National Preparedness. IAEM-USA was pleased to see Brock Long confirmed as FEMA Administrator in July, but Administrator Long needs his full team in place as quickly as possible to help with Hurricane Harvey-related response and recovery.

“Dr. Kaniewski brings extensive leadership experience assisting and supporting local, state, and federal governments with building robust emergency management and supporting risk threat and management,” stressed IAEM-USA President Lanita A. Lloyd. “Of great importance to IAEM-USA, he recognizes the value of all the emergency preparedness, response, and mitigation grants administered by FEMA. He understands and respects the role of FEMA as a partner with state and local stakeholders, and the whole community.”

Dr. Kaniewski previously served in the White House as director of response and recovery policy and later as a special assistant to the president for homeland security, and senior director for response policy for President George W. Bush. He was a co-author of *The Federal Response to Hurricane Katrina: Lessons Learned* and shepherded improvements to emergency management to ensure our nation was better prepared for all-hazards.

Dr. Kaniewski began his career as a firefighter and paramedic in Minnesota. He has built his career in helping local, state, and federal governments prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from, and mitigate our nation’s natural and man-made disasters.

About IAEM-USA

IAEM-USA, the nation’s largest emergency management professional association, is a non-profit professional organization representing more than 4,500 emergency management and homeland security professionals for local communities, state and federal disaster officials, private sector, non-governmental organizations and others involved in preparing for, responding to, and recovering from all types of disasters including acts of terrorism. IAEM provides: access to the largest network of emergency management experts who can provide advice and assistance; the Certified Emergency Manager program; annual scholarships; a comprehensive monthly newsletter; and more.

The emergency management certification program was developed by IAEM with funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and guidance from an advisory board, which included professionals from a variety of disciplines and representatives of key groups with a stake in emergency management.

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