



## ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

Arizona Division of Emergency Management  
5636 East McDowell Road, Building M5101, Phoenix, Arizona 85008-3495  
(602) 244-0504 1-800-411-2336



Janice K. Brewer  
GOVERNOR

MG Hugo E. Salazar  
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL

For Immediate Release:  
Jan 28, 2011

Public Information Contact:  
Gregory Roybal (602) 509-9679  
Judy Kioski (602) 509-5216

### **State Emergency Management to Head Mutual Aid Task Force** *Assistant Director Selected to Chair National Coordinating Group*

PHOENIX—When disaster strikes elsewhere in the country, Arizona will be at the forefront coordinating interstate mutual aid response between the fifty states and four territories.

Starting in March, the Arizona Division of Emergency Management (ADEM) will take administrative responsibility for a nationwide agreement that manages mutual aid in large disasters. ADEM will assume the chairmanship of the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) Executive Task Force for one year. This is the first time Arizona has served in this capacity.

The appointment places Arizona at the vanguard when other states need outside aid or resources to respond and rebound from a disaster. Matt Parks, Assistant Director for Logistics for ADEM, will serve as the Executive Task Force chairman and leader of the National Coordinating Group, which oversees the nationwide mutual aid response.

“This is a huge feather in our cap. We are proud to be in a position of responsibility that other states can rely on to help manage resources and aid when they are overwhelmed,” said Lou Trammell, Director of ADEM.

EMAC is a congressionally-ratified compact that provides form and structure for state-to-state mutual aid during governor-declared emergencies. All states and four territories have enacted legislation to become members of EMAC. For more information on EMAC, visit [www.emacweb.org](http://www.emacweb.org).

A transition exercise is scheduled for Jan. 31 to Feb. 1, 2011, to demonstrate Arizona’s ability to serve as Executive Task Force chair. During the exercise, Arizona will face multiple scenarios that will test the Division’s ability to assemble the Executive Task Force, organize mutual aid requests, and coordinate with all states and territories to secure resources.

Visit the Arizona Emergency Information Network (AzEIN) website at [www.azein.gov](http://www.azein.gov) for real-time emergency updates, preparedness and hazard information, and multimedia resources.

-30-

**Note to the media:** Current Executive Task Force Chair Kim Ketterhagen (Minnesota Homeland Security and Emergency Management) and incoming Chair Matthew Parks (Arizona Division of Emergency Management) are available for interviews on Jan 31, 2011, from 11 a.m. to noon at the State Emergency Operations Center, 5636 E. McDowell Road, Phoenix. If interested, please contact public information officer Judy Kioski at 602-509-5216.