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Recent appointments to the Advisory Council (NAC) of the Federal Emergency Management Agency include three professionals associated with the Center for Homeland Defense and Security.

The Council comprises law enforcement and emergency management professionals from state, local, federal and tribal governments, as well as the private sector, who advise the FEMA Administrator on all aspects of disaster preparedness and response.

Recent appointments include:

– Ellen Gordon, CHDS Associate Director of Education and Faculty. Gordon is also a graduate of the CHDS master's degree program. She was appointed as a representative from the Homeland Security Advisory Council Emergency Responder Senior Advisory Committee.



– James Featherstone, General Manager of the Los Angeles Emergency Management Department. Featherstone is a graduate of the Executive Leaders Program (ELP). He was appointed in the Emergency Response category.

– Charles Ramsey, Police Commissioner, Philadelphia Police Department. Ramsey is also an ELP graduate. He was appointed in the Non-elected Local category.

New members are to be sworn in at a meeting in February.

Other appointees include:

– Joseph Bruno, Commissioner of New York Office of Emergency Management (reappointed)

– Brigadier General Donald P. Dunbar, Adjutant General, State of Wisconsin

– Dr. David Markenson, Director for the Center for Disaster Medicine, School of Public Health, New York Medical College and Chief of Pediatric Emergency Medicine at Maria Fareri Children's Hospital at Westchester Medical Center

– J. Michael Phillips, Special Agent Supervisor, Florida Division of Law Enforcement, Florida Computer Crime Center

– John Wesley Hines, Representative, Mississippi House of Representatives (House District 50) (reappointed)

– Jane Halliburton, Supervisor, Board of Supervisors, Story County, State of Iowa

– Richard Devylder, Special Advisor to the Secretary, California Emergency Management Agency

– Joseph Becker, Senior Vice President of Disaster Services for the American Red Cross (reappointed)

– Larry A. Larson, Executive Director of the Association of State Floodplain Managers, Inc.

– Diana Rothe-Smith, Executive Director of the National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (NVOAD)

– Teresa Scott, Public Works Director, City of Gainesville Public Works Department, State of Florida

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