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## **NEW OHIO EMA DIRECTOR NAMED**

(COLUMBUS) - Evan W. Schumann was named Executive Director of the Ohio Emergency Management Agency (EMA) today by Ohio Department of Public Safety (ODPS) Director John Born. He will replace Sima Merick who was named interim director in December.

Mr. Schumann is currently the Program Manager for Ohio Task Force 1 (OH-TF1) which is the State of Ohio's Urban Search and Rescue (US&R) Task Force stationed in Dayton and also one of the 28 US&R Task Forces in FEMA's National US&R System. Under Mr. Schumann's leadership, OH-TF1 personnel have responded to many disasters such as Hurricanes Katrina and Sandy, the Haiti earthquake, mudslides in Washington and flooding in Colorado. Mr. Schumann is well versed in all aspects of state and national emergency management systems.

"The State of Ohio is fortunate to be able to find an emergency management professional with Mr. Schumann's qualifications here in our own state," said ODPS Director John Born. "I look forward to working with him to make the state safer for all Ohioans."

Among his duties, Mr. Schumann will be furthering the implementation of ODPS's 4/72 Project that provides basic life needs for people impacted by a disaster within four hours of the incident and sustainable for 72 hours. He will also work with the Safer Ohio Teams concept to coordinate emergency response by local and state responders.

Mr. Schumann holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mathematics from Norwich University and Bachelor and Master Degrees in Civil Engineering from Michigan State University.

The Ohio Emergency Management Agency is the state's coordinating agency for emergency response throughout the state. In the event of an emergency anywhere in the state, EMA can assemble state agencies at its headquarters near Columbus and coordinate assets available through these agencies in order to get supplies, personnel and equipment where it is needed in a timely manner.

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