



Federal Emergency Management Agency

Joe M. Allbaugh: FEMA Director

Joe M. Allbaugh was nominated by President George W. Bush and confirmed by the U.S. Senate as Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency in February 2001. As FEMA Director, Mr. Allbaugh coordinates federal disaster relief activities on behalf of President Bush, including the Federal Response Plan, which authorizes the response and recovery operations of 28 federal agencies and departments and the American Red Cross. He also oversees the National Flood Insurance Program and the U.S. Fire Administration, and initiates proactive mitigation activities that reduce loss of life and property from all types of hazards. Mr. Allbaugh directs approximately 2,500 federal employees and 4,500 temporary disaster assistance employees.

Since joining FEMA, Mr. Allbaugh has overseen response efforts to a full range of natural disasters, including severe tornadoes, floods, hurricanes and the Seattle earthquake. Mr. Allbaugh also directed FEMA's unprecedented response to the terrorist attacks of September 11th, 2001, and is closely coordinating activities with the newly created Office of Homeland Security. In addition, Mr. Allbaugh has instituted an agency-wide reorganization, initiated a new strategic planning process and has proposed new training and support for the country's fire services.

Prior to his appointment, Mr. Allbaugh served as Chief of Staff to then-Governor Bush. In that position he served as the governor's point person for nine presidential disaster declarations and more than 20 state-level emergencies, and managed the governor's office operations. Earlier in his career, he served as Oklahoma Deputy Secretary of Transportation, where he implemented legislative and public affairs initiatives, and the state's transportation plan.

Mr. Allbaugh served as the National Campaign Manager for Bush-Cheney 2000, with responsibility and oversight for all activities related to the Bush election campaign. He had previously served as Campaign Manager for President Bush's first run for Texas governor.

A native of Oklahoma, Mr. Allbaugh holds a bachelor of arts degree in Political Science from Oklahoma State University. He and his wife, Diane, have three children.

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