

Homer Bryson has served as the GEMA/HS Director since December 1, 2016 and brings 37 years of public safety experience with him to the position. As Director, he has led the agency during activations for hurricanes, tornados, wildfires, and ice storms. He was also a member of the Super Bowl LIII Public Safety Executive Steering Committee.

Previously, he served as Commissioner of the Department of Corrections. Before that, he served as the Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources and as Colonel of the DNR Law Enforcement Section. He served as the hurricane coordinator for the Department of Natural Resources. He participated in security planning for the 1996 Olympic Games and the 2004 Group of 8 Economic Summit on Sea Island. He was a supervisor on a Georgia state law enforcement detail assigned to Hurricane Katrina. He has taught Critical Incident Management at Columbus State University.

He currently serves on the Board of Homeland Security, the State Government Systems Cybersecurity Board, the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, the State Indemnification Commission and the Peace Officers' Annuity and Benefit Fund. He previously served on the Peace Officer Standards & Training Council, the Behavioral Health Coordinating Council, and the Department of Community Supervision Board. He is a life member and past president of the Peace Officers' Association of Georgia.

He earned a master's degree in Public Administration from Columbus State University. He and his wife, Lisa, have three children and reside in Nicholson, Georgia.