

## **GEMHSA Director Homer Bryson**



Homer Bryson was appointed Director of the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency by Governor Nathan Deal on December 1, 2016. Prior to this appointment, Bryson served as Commissioner of the Georgia Department of Corrections. Bryson began his career in state government in 1983 as a conservation ranger with the Department of Natural Resources. He continued his DNR career by serving as Colonel of the Law Enforcement section and then Deputy Commissioner before moving to the Department of Corrections.

Director Bryson served as the hurricane coordinator for the Department of Natural Resources while assigned as the DNR Law Enforcement coastal region supervisor. 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 100 officer Georgia state law enforcement detail assigned to assist with recovery efforts in Louisiana after Hurricane Katrina. He has previously taught Critical Incident Management as an adjunct professional for the Georgia Law Enforcement Command College at Columbus State University.

Bryson currently serves on the Georgia State Indemnification Commission and the Peace Officers' Annuity and Benefit Fund. Bryson previously served on the Georgia Board of Public Safety, Georgia Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, Georgia Peace Officer Standards & Training Council, Georgia Behavioral Health Coordinating Council, and as Chairman of the Department of Community Supervision Board. He is a life member and past President of the Peace Officers Association of Georgia.

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