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## **Dick Hainje: Regional Director, Region 7**

Dick Hainje was appointed Regional Director of FEMA’s Region VII in October 2001. As Regional Director, he coordinates mitigation, preparedness and disaster response and recovery activities in Iowa, Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska.

Prior to coming to FEMA, Mr. Hainje was an elected member of the South Dakota state legislature and a 24-year veteran of the Sioux Falls Fire Rescue Department. Hainje was elected to the state senate in 1996 and re-elected in 1998 and 2000, and spent four years on the state’s Appropriations Committee. He joined the Sioux Falls Fire Rescue Department in 1977 and rose through the ranks to division fire chief of prevention in 1999. Part of his responsibilities included injury prevention and fire safety programs for school children. Mr. Hainje worked closely with FEMA during the floods of 1997, when South Dakota and other states were threatened with spring flooding.

A native of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, Mr. Hainje holds a fire science degree from Kilian College at Sioux Falls, South Dakota. He is a member of the International Association of Fire Chiefs and the National Conference of State Legislatures.



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