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Gary E. Jones has served as the Deputy Regional Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Region VI office for more than seven years. As Deputy Regional Director, Mr. Jones is responsible for administration of emergency management programs in the five-state region that includes Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas. He also is responsible for oversight and implementation of response and recovery operations for Presidentially declared disasters in Region VI.

Mr. Jones has 37 years of government experience at both State and federal levels. From 1983 until 1993, Mr. Jones worked in the FEMA Region VI Technological Hazards Branch serving as Branch Chief and Regional Assistance Committee Chairman for seven years. The branch program responsibilities included Radiological Emergency Preparedness, Radiological Defense, Hazardous Materials, the Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program, Earthquake Preparedness, Hurricane Preparedness, and Dam Safety.

Prior to joining FEMA, Mr. Jones worked for the Arkansas Department of Health in a variety of Emergency Medical Services positions and later served as Director of Arkansas' Emergency Medical Services Program for three years. Following his 13 years with the Arkansas Department of Health, he served as the Arkansas State Coordinator for physician recruitment with the U.S. Public Health Service. He recruited physicians, dentists, and nurse practitioners for rural communities in Arkansas who were Federally designated as medically underserved.

Mr. Jones holds a Master's Degree in Public Health Administration from Tulane University and a Bachelor's Degree in Education from the University of Arkansas.

Mr. Jones has one daughter and has lived in Denton, Texas for 18 years with his wife, Mary.