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Edward G. Buikema: Regional Director, Region 5

Edward G. Buikema was appointed Regional Director of FEMA's Region V in September 2001. As Regional Director, he coordinates FEMA mitigation, preparedness, and disaster response and recovery activities in six states: Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio and Wisconsin.

Prior to his FEMA position, Mr. Buikema was director of the Emergency Management Division of the Michigan State Police. In this position, Mr. Buikema was responsible for the administration of the state's emergency management system and served as the state coordinating officer for presidential disaster declarations. Mr. Buikema was an officer with the Michigan State Police for more than 25 years, with responsibilities ranging from law enforcement to public information to serving as the governor's representative at nine disasters.

Mr. Buikema holds a bachelor of art's degree in political science from Calvin College, in Grand Rapids, Mich. He is also a graduate of the FBI National Academy, and has completed FEMA's Professional Development Series of courses.



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