

Joshua J. Barnes

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Strategic to Tactical Emergency Management Executive High-Profile Coalition Builder ♦ Program Development / Management

Expert in economic recovery, public health, and human services recovery missions for 35+ major disasters
Active Top Secret/SCI U.S. Government Clearance (2012)

A proven leader in emergency management who leverages superior collaborative and team building expertise to build strategic coalitions and nurture critical networks throughout federal, state, and local elected, appointed, civil service executives, and private industry stakeholders through over forty of the most devastating disasters to impact the United States.

Perceives and drives program successes and impacts when others cannot through research and analytics, sound policymaking, risk management, program management, employing innovation in disaster response and recovery tactics, and post-disaster studies, coordinating multi-million-dollar contracts and budgets to align allocation of personnel and resources with funding.

Strengths & Distinctions:

High-Ranking Government Relations ♦ Regulatory & Compliance Management ♦ Quantitative & Analytical ♦ Team Development & Leadership ♦ Risk Analysis & Mitigation ♦ Eagle Scout

Professional Background

2020 to Present: U.S. Small Business Administration ***Acting Director for Continuous Operations and Risk Management***

Mr. Barnes provides leadership over the Office of Continuous Operations and Risk Management which serves the agency with strategic analysis and planning across the SBA enterprise.

- Leads agency emergency management efforts to coordinate the response to COVID-19 pandemic for internal continuity and delivery of critical assistance to small businesses nation-wide.
- Leads agency efforts related to mitigating risks identified through internal (Office of the Inspector General) and external (Government accountability Office) audits.
- Coordinates across the agency to ensure that these risks and those risks that pose enterprise-wide concern have clear and actionable plans implementing risk management measures.
- Leads the agency's disaster planning and continuity of operations (COOP) activities to ensure a cohesive vision for how the agency delivers support both internally and externally to disaster-impacted communities.

2017 to 2020: Department of Health and Human Services ***Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response | Acting Director for Recovery***

Served key leadership role developing and implementing policy changes that optimize operations to proactively improve health and social services including public health, hospital systems, behavioral health, social services, and children after major disasters.

- Served as the National Coordinator for HHS Health and Social Services Recovery to coordinate internal HHS agency activities and the actions of 17 other departments and agencies to enable more efficient and effective recovery outcomes.
- Led and directed senior subject matter experts through implementation of Recovery Support Functions (multi-Department coalitions) and initiatives that build pre-disaster preparedness.
- Drove support of disaster recovery requirements of communities impacted by the historic 2017 hurricane season, including restoration of public health, healthcare, and facilities serving children and at-risk populations with functional needs. Received recognition by the HHS Secretary with the 2018 Award for Distinguished Service, the highest offered by the Department.
- Positioned HHS to attract and retain top-performing, diverse staff, maximizing individual and team contributions through lessons learned from active missions and continuing professional development. Attracted, developed, implemented, and delivered training to deploy 400+ HHS employees and 150+ contract staff to support HHS recovery mission for Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria.
- Led the design and intergovernmental coordination for health and social services recovery the restructuring of the Puerto Rico health care system recovery; restoration of education and social services in Puerto Rico, Texas, California, and Florida; and led the deployment of public health capabilities post-incident.
- Designed, developed, and led the initiative to develop a pioneering geospatial platform and method for ascertaining pre- and post-disaster environmental health risks based on known hazards, potential threats, and existing population vulnerabilities.
- Led the design and development of the Department's effort to provide state and local public health and emergency management organizations guidance for how to recover from a bioincident. This work spanned nation-wide engagements with state, local, private sector, and academic experts to pinpoint the tactics necessary to affect a positive recovery effort.

2015 to 2016: National Security Council, The White House
Director for Preparedness Policy

Served as senior national security official at the White House accountable to create and promulgate policies to make the nation more prepared, enhance community resilience, and lead Presidential-level actions for disaster recovery and national preparedness (response, recovery, mitigation, prevention, and protection) through a detail to a nonpartisan position at the National Security Council (NSC).

- Leveraged expansive and comprehensive expertise in disaster response to establish national standards for community resilience metrics, indicators, and standards.
- Wrote a Presidential Memorandum (PM) and accompanying Action Plan saving billions of dollars in addition to lives and property in promoting integrated approaches to long-term drought resilience.
- Directed White House-level policy oversight of \$1.6B in homeland security preparedness grant funding, executing innovations to forward FEMA preparedness, Individual Assistance, and Public Assistance programs.
- Identified and processed emerging risks related to critical infrastructure protection and hazard mitigation science, delivering innovative strategies that proactively resolved the myriad novel issues faced across the Nation and US interests worldwide.
- Analyzed complex problems, including the Flint water crisis, catastrophic flooding, hurricanes, tornadoes, and other disasters to calculate risks and influence sound decisions based on expert knowledge, budget realities, and overarching national goals.
- Led teams of senior executives from across the Federal government to achieve actionable policy outcomes addressing disparate homeland security issues at direct order by the President.
- Addressed critical preparedness shortfalls identified in the 2016 National Preparedness Report that included nationwide preparedness campaigns while rapidly adjusting priorities in accordance with the President's prioritization of projects.
- Engaged national leaders on complex national security issues targeting infrastructure and resilience capabilities that included convening the first White House National Preparedness Roundtable tasked with covering all aspects of national preparedness.

2010 to 2015: US Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration
Disaster Recovery Coordinator

Innovated improvements and modernized operations as a recognized leader in creating interagency coalitions that delivered technical and programmatic economic recovery assistance to communities impacted by major incidents.

- Innovated and transformed the EDAs approach to disaster recovery focused on providing community-based grants to an interdisciplinary service model of the Economic Recovery Support Function. Recognized with a US Department of Commerce Gold Medal Award for Distinguished Service for Hurricane Sandy efforts; methods and techniques for economic recovery have become standards adopted by industry leaders nationwide.
- Built coalitions of federal agencies, national professional associations, states, and local development organizations to design and promulgate practical economic resilience measures and client change adaptations. Developed positions and talking points and briefed Congressional, Governor's office, and Cabinet-level officials.
- Developed industry reputation as a thought leader through extensive public speaking roles at state-level, regional, national, and international conferences and meetings. Testified as a 30(b)(6) witness who had to represent the entire Federal Government's knowledge of the economic impacts and economic recovery in the criminal complaint against BP for the Deepwater Horizon oil spill.

Additional Career Successes:

Continuity Program Manager | US Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration.

Led development of the agency's Continuity of Operations (COOP) program, Occupant Emergency Program, Pandemic Readiness Program, and other opportunities to develop and implement improved processes in keeping with National Security requirements, tests, training, and HSEEP-compliant national-level exercises, as well as HSPD-12 compliance.

Director, National Preparedness Division | MSA, Incorporated.

Led cradle-to-grave development, maintenance, and implementation of agency continuity programs to carry out corporate disaster recovery and continuity planning. Coordinate agency-wide activities to write the Pandemic Response and Continuity plans for multiple Federal agencies, including those within DHHS. Supported extensive emergency planning, and exercise support contract portfolio.

Education & Professional Distinctions

Bachelor of Science (B.S.), Geographic Science | James Madison University. Harrisonburg, VA

Recognitions

USCG Commander's Award for Civilian Service ♦ Secretary's Gold Honor Award 2014; Performance Awards 2010-2017;
HHS Secretary's Department Award for Distinguished Service 2018