

## Edward Buikema Senior Associate



### Education

- > Bachelor of Arts (Calvin College)

### Key Areas of Expertise

- > Emergency Management
- > Preparedness and Response
- > Executive Leadership

### Relevant Experience

- > Former Regional Director/Administrator for FEMA Region V
- > Served as the Acting DHS / FEMA Response Division Director
- > Served as Director of the Emergency Management Division of the Michigan State Police

Edward G. Buikema is a Senior Associate for ARMADA Ltd. In that capacity he works as a senior homeland security consultant at Argonne National Laboratory in Chicago, Illinois. Argonne National Laboratory is a U.S. Department of Energy lab managed by the University of Chicago.

Mr. Buikema is also an instructor at the University of Chicago's Graham School of General Studies teaching in the *Master of Science in Threat and Response Management* Program. He is a subject matter expert and facilitator for the Executive Education Team seminars conducted for Governors, Mayors, and urban area leaders by the Center for Homeland Defense and Security which is part of the Naval Postgraduate School. In addition, he is a Commissioner of the Emergency Management Accreditation Program (EMAP) commission.

Mr. Buikema was appointed by President Bush as the Administrator of Region V of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) (now part of the Department of the Homeland Security) in November, 2001 and served until January, 2009. As Regional Administrator, he coordinated FEMA mitigation, preparedness, and disaster response and recovery activities in six states: Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio and Wisconsin. During his tenure as Regional Administrator, Mr. Buikema oversaw the delivery of disaster relief and assistance in more than **sixty-five** Presidential declared disasters and emergencies. He is a past chair of the Executive Committee of the Chicago Federal Executive Board, a member of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 1600 technical committee, the Executive Board of the Chicago Joint Terrorism Task Force, and past chair of the Emergency Management Accreditation Program (EMAP) Commission. Mr. Buikema was also designated as a Principal Federal Official (PFO) by the Secretary of Homeland Security for pandemic influenza for Region C in the United States.



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During the 2004 Hurricane season, Mr. Buikema was assigned to the role of Federal Coordinating Officer in the State of Florida on an interim basis and coordinated the federal response to Hurricane Jeanne. As Regional Director/Administrator for FEMA Region V he played a pivotal leadership role in the Topoff 2 exercise in Chicago and was assigned the role of either Principal Federal Official or Deputy Principal Federal Official in the Democratic National Convention in 2004, the Ardent Sentry Exercise in Indiana in 2007, and was actively involved in the 2008 Republican National Convention in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Mr. Buikema served as the Acting Director of FEMA's Response Division in Washington D.C. from February, 2005 through October, 2005. In that position he was responsible for administration and leadership of Response Division programs including the Urban Search and Rescue (US&R) program, the National Disaster Medical System (NDMS) teams, the Mobile Emergency Response System (MERS), logistics, the National Response Coordination Center (NRCC), and the Temporary Disaster Workforce.

Prior to his FEMA position, Mr. Buikema was commander of the Emergency Management Division of the Michigan State Police. In this position, Mr. Buikema was responsible for leadership and coordination of the state's emergency management program and served as the state coordinating officer and governor's authorized representative for nine presidential disaster declarations. He also served as chair of the Michigan Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Commission, the Michigan Hazard Mitigation Coordinating Council, and Michigan's Anti-Terrorism Task Force. Mr. Buikema was an officer with the Michigan State Police for more than 26 years, serving in the Emergency Management Division for 19 of those years.

Mr. Buikema was awarded the first ever ***Eric Tolbert*** Distinguished Service Award by the Emergency Management Accreditation Program (EMAP) at the 2008 National Emergency Management Association (NEMA) conference **"for exemplary service and dedication to EMAP and fostering excellence and accountability in Emergency Management."** And recently, he was awarded the **Steven R. Cohen** Award by the Chicago Federal Executive Board for **"giving exemplary service to his own agency and the Federal community at large."** A native of Grand Rapids, Michigan, Mr. Buikema holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science from Calvin College in Grand Rapids and is a graduate of the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia. He is married and has three children and two grandchildren.