Biographical Information

Director Mark S. Ghilarducci

Mark S. Ghilarducci serves as the Director of the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES), appointed July 1, 2013 by Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. Ghilarducci previously served as Secretary of the California Emergency Management Agency (Cal EMA) appointed in February 2012 by Governor Brown. As a member of the Cabinet, Director Ghilarducci serves as the Governor's Homeland Security Advisor (HSA) and oversees statewide public safety, emergency management, emergency communications, counter-terrorism efforts and the State Threat Assessment System (STAS). His duties include serving as chair of numerous boards and committees and he sits on several state and national commissions and work groups.

Mr. Ghilarducci has over 30 years of diversified service in both the public and private sectors, in the emergency services, fire and rescue and homeland security disciplines.

In 2000, he was appointed as Deputy Director of the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (OES) by Governor Gray Davis, where he oversaw statewide emergency operations, planning and training.

Prior to his appointment as OES Deputy Director, he served as a Federal Coordinating Officer (FCO) with the U.S. Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), where appointed by President William J. Clinton, he directed and coordinated federal response and recovery operations following numerous presidentially declared disasters and emergencies.

For nine years, Ghilarducci also served as Deputy Fire Chief and Director of Special Operations in the Fire and Rescue Division within the Office of Emergency Services. There, he managed state fire and rescue mutual aid response, Urban Search and Rescue (US&R) administration and technical response operations, swiftwater and flood rescue operations, emergency medical services (EMS), hazardous materials operations and other asymmetrical response and planning events. This also included the coordination and management of California's eight multidisciplinary State/National US&R Task Forces and development and management of the Joint Powers Authority (JPA) Fire and Rescue Training Center.

Operationally, Mr. Ghilarducci has been involved in disaster and emergency response and recovery activities resulting from hundreds of major incidents within California, nationally and internationally. He has served in both command and technical advisory positions at many high profile and complex events, including the collapse of the I-880 Cypress Freeway in Oakland, following the 1989 Loma Prieta Earthquake; the 1995 Great Hanshin (Kobe, Japan) earthquake, providing technical advice on fire, rescue and recovery operations to the Japanese Foreign Ministry and Prefectural Governments of Osaka and Kobe; as the Commander of the National US&R Incident Management Team, dispatched to manage technical rescue operations following the 1995 bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City; as Coordinator of

Karen Wong, Assistant Director, Public Safety Communications

Appointed by Governor Brown, Karen oversees the strategic framework and tactical direction for the State's public safety communications systems including California's 9-1-1 network infrastructure supporting 460 Public Safety Answering Points; the State's public safety microwave network; and the State's public safety agencies first responder land mobile radio systems. Public Safety Communications has 350 employees, a budget of \$67 million, as well as \$120 million local assistance reimbursement. In addition, Karen is the State's point of contact to work with the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) on the National Public Safety Communications Broadband Network.

Karen is a current member on the California Law Enforcement Telecommunication System (CLETS) Advisory Council; serves as Vice Chair on the Bay Area Radio Interoperability Communications (BayRICS) Authority Board of Directors and a member of the Federal Communications Commission's Communications, Security, Reliability and Interoperability Council (CSRIC) III; Karen was previously appointed by Governor Schwarzenegger as Deputy Director, Public Safety Communications Division and has 21 years with the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation serving in Career Executive Appointments in the Health Care Division; Office of Correctional Safety; Office of Environmental, Health and Safety; and Office of Telecommunications.

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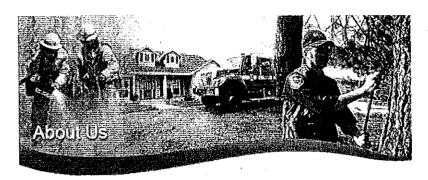
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Ken Pimlott

California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

Chief Ken Pimlott was appointed on July 12, 2011 by Governor Edmund G. Brown as the Director of CAL FIRE, after serving as the Acting Director since November of 2010. He is also California's State Forester

Chief Pimlott began his fire service career nearly 30 years ago as a reserve firefighter with the Contra Costa Fire Protection District. His subsequent years of service include 23 years with CAL FIRE. Prior to being appointed, Pimlott was the Deputy Director of Fire Protection, responsible for CAL FIRE's. statewide fire protection programs, including Command and Control Operations, Cooperative Fire Protection, Conservation Camps, Fleet Management, Aviation Management, Training and Safety.

During Chief Pimlott's career, he has risen through the ranks, beginning as a seasonal fire fighter in the Tulare Unit in 1987. He has held a variety of resource management and fire protection positions within the department, including Pre-fire Management Division Chief, Fire Chief for the City of Moreno Valley and program manager for CAL FIRE's Cooperative Fire Protection Programs.

Prior to his current assignment, Chief Pimtott served in executive management at the Assistant Deputy Director level, overseeing CAL FIRE's fire protection operations, cooperative fire, training and safety programs.

He recently served as co-chair of the 2010 Strategic Fire Plan Steering Committee within the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection and represents CAL FIRE on the California Fire Fighter Joint Apprenticeship Committee Board of Directors.

Chief Pimlott has well rounded experience in fire protection at the operational and program levels within CAL FIRE. He holds an Associate of Arts Degree in Fire Technology from American River College, a Bachelors Degree in Forest Resource Management from Humboldt State University and is a registered professional forester.



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Major General David S. Baldwin

Adjutant General, California State Military Department

Major General David S. Baldwin was appointed as the 46th Adjutant General on 16 April 2011. Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. recalled General Baldwin from his second deployment to Afghanistan, where he served as Deputy Commander of the 101st Airborne Division Tactical Command Post and Senior Mentor to the Commanding General of the 201st Afghan Army Corps, to assume command of the California National Guard. As the Adjutant General, he leads the largest, most tasked National Guard force in the United States, with an authorized strength of 23,000 personnel. He is responsible for the operation of the State Military Department which consists of the California Army and Air National Guard, State Military Reserve, and California Youth Programs.

General Baldwin enlisted as a medic in the California Army National Guard in 1982. He was commissioned through the Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) in 1984. His military assignments include Rifle Platoon Leader, Company Executive Officer, and Scout Platoon Leader. He commanded a rifle company that deployed to the Los Angeles Riots in 1992. He served as aide-de-camp for the Commander, California Army National Guard before being assigned as the Operations Officer and then Executive Officer of 1st Battalion, 184th Infantry. General Baldwin commanded that same battalion when it deployed troops to Kuwait in the fall of 2001 in support of Operation DESERT SPRING. Following his assignment as a student at the Army War College, General Baldwin deployed to Afghanistan where he served as the Civil-Military Operations Officer and then the Executive Officer of Combined Forces Command. In January 2007, General Baldwin assumed command of the 79th (previously 40th) Infantry Brigade Combat Team, California Army National Guard. General Baldwin's full-time assignments on State Active Duty include Emergency Plans and Operations Officer, Legislative Liaison Officer, and Director, J3. From 2009 until he deployed in early 2010, General Baldwin served as the Chief of Staff of the California National Guard's Joint Staff.

General Baldwin's military education includes the Infantry Officer Basic Course, Armor Officer's Advanced Course, Combined Arms and Services Staff School, Command and General Staff College, and the Army War College. His civilian education includes a Baccalaureate of Science Degree in Medical Microbiology from Stanford University in 1985, a Master of Public Administration from the University of Southern California in 1996, and a Master of Strategic Studies Degree from the United States Army War College in 2003.

General Baldwin's military awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star with two Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters, Meritorious Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Commendation Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Achievement Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, National Defense Service Medal with Bronze Star, Combat Action Badge, and the Parachutist Badge.

KATHLEEN BILLINGSLEY, RN

Kathleen Billingsley was appointed Chief Deputy Director of Policy and Programs, California Department of Public Health (CDPH) in June of 2011. She serves as one of two Chief Deputy Directors in CDPH. Under the administrative direction of the CDPH Director/State Public Health Officer, both Chief Deputy Directors serve as integral components in the formulation of policy to achieve the mission of the department. In addition to serving as a member of the Directorate, the Chief Deputy Director for Policy and Programs is responsible for the direct management of: Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response; Health Information and Strategic Planning; and the Centers for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion; Infectious Diseases; Family Health; Environmental Health and Health Care Quality. In addition, the Chief Deputy Director for Policy and Programs works in close cooperation with the Chief Deputy Director for Operations on operational issues related to these programs.

Kathleen Billingsley became Assistant Executive Officer for Health Policy and Planning for the California Public Employee's Retirement System (CalPERS) in November 2010. She is the senior executive in charge of the administration of health benefits to more than 1.3 million active and retired California public employees and their families. Additionally, Kathleen provides strategic planning and policy direction on critical health care issues to the CalPERS Board. She also oversees the CalPERS Health Plan Administration Division and Health Policy Research Division.

Before coming to CalPERS, Kathleen was Deputy Director of the Center for Health Care Quality at the California Department of Public Health, beginning 2006. Prior to serving in the California Department of Public Health, Kathleen, a registered nurse, was also the senior vice president of operations for Electronic Healthcare Systems from 2000-06, and vice president of health service for Momentum Health Services in 1999 and Health Net from 1987-98.

She received her nursing degree from Merritt College in Oakland, and her bachelor of arts degree in social sciences from UC Berkeley.

Daniel R. Smiley Chief Deputy Director California Emergency Medical Services Authority

Daniel R. Smiley is the Chief Deputy Director for the State of California EMS Authority (EMSA). Dan has served as the Chief Deputy Director for EMSA since 1989. He has also previously served as the Interim/Acting Director of EMSA for varying periods from 1989-1993, 1997, 2007-2008, and 2010-2011. He has been involved in emergency medical services since 1974.



Dan is responsible for the strategic vision and leadership of emergency medical services for California. He oversees the policy, program and regulatory aspects of EMS systems (including ambulance and trauma issues), EMS certification/licensing (EMR, EMT, AEMT, Paramedic) and enforcement, and disaster medical response.

Dan has been a leader in improving disaster medical response in California, including the creation of ambulance strike teams, the California Medical Assistance Team program, and the California Mobile Field Hospitals. His experience in disaster planning and response includes events such as, the Coalinga Earthquake (1983), Loma Prieta San Francisco Bay Area Earthquake (1989), Hurricane Iniki in Hawaii (1992), Los Angeles Civil Disturbance (1992), Northridge/Los Angeles Earthquake (1994), San Diego Wildfires (2007) and Swine Influenza Pandemic (2009).

Internationally, he was also the chief medical planner for many international disaster exercises in Ukraine as part of the Rough and Ready Series (1999-2009). Dan has also been involved in disaster medical planning efforts in India following the Gujarat Earthquake (2001) and preparing disaster medical programs in Taiwan (2000-2009). He has also been involved in Disaster Medical Assistance Team activities, as a member of CA-11 (Sacramento) for the National Disaster Medical System.

Prior to coming to EMSA as the Chief Deputy Director in 1989, he served as Chief of Emergency Medical Services for the County of Fresno. Dan worked as an emergency medical technician and EMT-II in Merced County and as a paramedic in San Joaquin and Fresno counties. He also served as a Reserve Deputy Sheriff with the Merced County Sheriff's Office. He was an EMT, paramedic, and MICN instructor in San Joaquin and Fresno counties. Mr. Smiley also taught at California State University, Fresno.

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