

ROBERT DAVID PAULISON

Federal Emergency Management Agency, Washington, DC(prior to becoming Administrator)

2001 to 2005 Administrator, United States Fire Administration - Senate confirmed Presidential appointee. Additional duties in 2003 and 2004 included service as the Director for Preparedness, FEMA.

Responsible for supporting our nation's state and local fire service programs as well as implementing FEMA initiatives for emergency readiness, firefighter training and equipment. Responsible for the oversight of the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program

Director for Preparedness for FEMA, Department of Homeland Security 2003-2004, and was responsible for over \$1 billion in grant programs for state and local governments. These grants were for planning, exercise training and equipment to assist them in preparing for national and man-made disasters.

Served as the Acting Chief Operations Officer of FEMA and also served on the Transition Team during the designing of the new Department of Homeland Security.

Miami-Dade Fire and Rescue Department, Miami, Florida

1992 to 2001	Fire Chief
1991 to 1992	Deputy Director for Administration
1990 to 1991	Assistant Chief of Operations
1988 to 1990	Assistant Chief for Supportive Services
1987 to 1988	Division Chief for Miami International Airport
1986 to 1987	District Chief of Operations
1983 to 1986	Battalion Commander
1978 to 1983	Rescue Lieutenant
1971 to 1978	Rescue Firefighter

Rose through the ranks from firefighter in 1971, to become Fire Chief of Miami-Dade County in 1992. Oversaw and directed a 1,900 person department with a \$200 million operating budget and a \$70 million capital budget. Responsible for the Office of Emergency Management (OEM), the Internationally experienced Urban Search and Rescue Team Led the development of the Miami-Dade Fire and Rescue Department into one of the leading fire departments in the United States with an expertise in specialized fire fighting and rescue, including trauma, air rescue, hazardous materials, aviation and marine firefighting, dive rescue, vehicle extrication, and confined space rescue.

Constructed 23 new fire stations, a new headquarters building and a state-of-the-art emergency operations center by garnering overwhelming support

from the residents of Miami-Dade County to support a major bond issue to fund the construction projects.

Delegation member to a joint Russian and American Taskforce charged with developing and sharing best practices for disaster preparedness and response plans. Met in Russia with members of EMERCOM, FEMA's counterpart agency, as part of a Vice Presidential Directive.

In 1997, served on the Civil Integration Response Panel of the Defense Sciences Board (DSB), a Department of Defense group comprised of emergency response experts whose task is to advise the military on developing local responses to terrorist incidents. Served on DSB's Biological Terrorism Panel in 2000 and on the Chemical Warfare Panel in 2001.

Education:

1996 John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, Program for Senior Executives
1970 B.A. Florida Atlantic University
1968 A.A. Miami Dade Community College

Awards:

2005 Florida Atlantic University Hall of Fame
2004 Mason Lankford Fire Service Leadership Award (CFSTI)
2003 MDCC (Miami Dade Community College) Hall of Fame
2002 Florida Association of Community Colleges LeRoy Collins Distinguished Alumni Award.
1993 Fire Chief of the Year, State of Florida
Firefighter of the Year
• North Dade Chamber of Commerce
• North Miami Beach Fire Department

Professional Organizations and Affiliations(current and past)

International Association of Fire Chiefs
o Served as President 1996-1997
o Member, Terrorism Task Force
o Member, Urban Search and Rescue Task Force
o Member, Fire Code Task Force
o Chair, Communications Committee
Advisory Board Homeland Security Policy Institute, George Washington University
Board of Directors/Trustee for Underwriters Laboratories
Board of Directors Home Safety Council
Florida Fire Chiefs Association
Dade County Fire Officers Association
National Fire Protection Association
Advisory Committee, Texas A&M University
Defense Science Board – Summer Study – 1997, 2000, 2001
Metropolitan Fire Chiefs Association

United Way Cabinet Member for Miami Dade County
1999 Chair, University of Miami Burn Center Fund Raising Campaign
Certified Paramedic, State of Florida (Expiration 2004)
Board of Directors, American Red Cross Chapter of Miami Dade County
Appointed to Miami Dade County Managers Women's Advisory Group
Chair, FEMA's Task Force on Technology Transfer
Senior Advisor, BuildStrong Coalition