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STATE OF OHIO
Executive Department

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Columbus

I, Mike DeWine, Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby appoint Kathryn Bradsher Brown, from Dublin, Franklin County, Ohio, as a Member of the State Emergency Response Commission for a new term beginning March 29, 2024 and ending at the close of business January 13, 2026, replacing Kathryn Bradsher Brown, whose term expired.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused the Great Seal of the State of Ohio to be affixed, at Columbus, this 29th day of March in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty Four.



Mike DeWine
Governor

Kathryn Bradsher Brown, CEM

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Education

Christopher Newport University, Newport News, Virginia

B.S., Governmental Administration, May 1992

Capital University, Columbus, Ohio

Teaching License, Government and History, Grades 7-12, December 1994

Certifications

Certified Emergency Manager (CEM) awarded by the International Association of Emergency Managers, 2018, recertified in 2022

Ohio Certified Emergency Manager (OCEM) awarded by the Ohio Association of Emergency Managers, 2016

Experience

Deputy Director, Union County Emergency Management Agency (EMA), Marysville, Ohio, January 2018 to present

- Responds to emergency incidents, from hazardous materials spills up to COVID-19
 - Served as Planning Chief for the pandemic Emergency Operations Center
 - Ran the Command Center for the drive through COVID-19 vaccination clinics
- Oversees all emergency planning for the County
 - This includes the writing and revising of over 30 plans including the following – Emergency Operations Plan, Hazardous Materials Plan, All-Hazards Mitigation Plan, Debris Management Plan, Donations Management Plan, Animal Response Plan, Continuity of Operations Plans, and Long-Term Recovery Plan
 - As part of Hazardous Materials Planning conducts analysis, risk assessment, tracking, forecasting of any and all areas that contain hazardous materials
 - Assist other departments and agencies in developing continuity of operations plans and emergency response plans
- Assists schools and businesses in developing emergency plans and collects those plans for the Union County EMA, so they are available for preplanning or in the event of an emergency
 - This includes creating templates for school reunification plans, and business continuity of operations plans
 - The Union County template for school reunification is used as a template by the Ohio School Safety Center
- Oversees County community outreach programming
 - Conducts regular presentations on emergency preparedness and continuity of operations

- Oversees all social media outreach
- Serves as the EMA Director in his absence
- Manages Training Programs for the County
 - Requests and schedules courses from Ohio EMA and other agencies
 - Researches and disseminates information regarding all courses being offered in County and in the surrounding region
 - Organizes and Manages requirements for training by the National Incident Management System for all first responders for the County
- Member of the County Emergency Operations Center management team
- Player or member of the planning team for all emergency exercises
- Serves since 2013 as Information Coordinator for the County Local Emergency Planning Commission (LEPC)
 - Responsible for completing and submitting all reports to the State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) for the LEPC
 - Liaison to local industry for the LEPC
 - Collects and inputs Tier II reports from local industry into the CAMEO software system
 - Assists with managing reimbursement for hazardous material spills for the LEPC
 - Investigates with first responders, sites/facilities that may contain hazardous materials or extremely hazardous materials and takes appropriate action as required by policy and procedures as a representative of the LEPC
- Serves as President of the Union County Community Services Association
- Maintains the Hazardous Materials and Resource databases
- Assists the Director with managing the accreditation process
- Assists in checking the emergency notification and warning systems for the County
- Member of the Emergency Support Unit for the County
- Assists with GIS mapping for emergency incidents
- Completes account payable activities for the agency

Planner, Union County EMA, Marysville, Ohio, December 2009 to December 2017

- Oversaw all emergency planning for the County
- Assisted with many of my current duties, including: assisted schools and businesses in developing emergency plans and collects those plans for the Union County EMA; oversaw County community outreach programming; assisted with the planning of emergency exercises; maintained the Hazardous Materials and Resource databases; assisted in checking alert systems for the County; assisted with fire personnel rehabilitation during emergency situations
- Responded to emergency incidents
- Completed account payable activities for the agency

Coordinator, Union County Medical Reserve Corps, Marysville, Ohio, June 2009 to January 2013

- Performed various activities to enhance volunteer recruitment and retention, including developing brochures, newsletters, and presentations
- Coordinated the development of the Medical Reserve Corps Handbook for Union County
- Completed trainings and participated in exercises in emergency preparedness, Influenza Mass Vaccination Clinics, and several tabletop exercises

Relevant Work Experience

LEPC Information Coordinator – Union County Emergency Management Agency - 2013 to present

In this role I am the liaison between the Local Emergency Planning Commission and Industry with hazardous materials in the County. These industries send in their Tier 2 reports each year to me for documentation in the CAMEO software system. I then disseminate this information to the LEPC, first responders, and policymakers. I also offer to join first responders when they go out to these industries for inspections as a representative of the LEPC. If the industries have questions about the reporting process, hazardous materials spills reporting or reimbursement, or about the LEPC operation I am the person they can go to for that information. As part of these duties, I must keep up to date with the guidance and policies that affect LEPCs and industries.

Deputy Director and Planner – Union County Emergency Management Agency – 2009 to present

In this position I coordinate and collaborate frequently with a variety of agencies, policy makers, and the public. Each year in coordination with a planning group I write/revise the County Hazardous Materials (Haz-Mat) Plan. In doing this I work regularly with our County Haz-Mat team. I participate annually in the Union County Haz-Mat exercise, either as a player or on the planning committee. I have frequently participated as an evaluator of exercises in other counties. I have knowledge of ORC section 3750 and knowledge of how a variety of counties operate their LEPC organizations. I am aware of the challenges that are faced by LEPCs.

All of these daily job functions have led me to be able to represent the Emergency Management Association on the SERC.

GOVERNOR'S APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Appointment Date: 3/29/2024

Name of Appointee: Kathryn Bradsher Brown

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Columbus, OH 43215
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Term Begins: 1/14/2024

Term Ends: 1/13/2026

Party Affiliation: Independent

Senate Confirmation: Appointed by the Governor, confirmed by the Senate

Financial Disclosure: Confidential disclosure required

Vice: Kathryn Bradsher Brown