

**GEORGIA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY  
HOMELAND SECURITY**

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April 11, 2019

Mr. Brandon Fletcher  
Director  
Ben Hill County Emergency  
Management Agency  
255 A Appomattox Road  
Fitzgerald, Georgia 31750

Dear Mr. Fletcher:

The Ben Hill County Board of Commissioners has recommended to me that you be appointed Director of the Ben Hill County Emergency Management Agency. I am pleased to advise you that I have approved your nomination, effective April 11, 2019. As Director of the Georgia Emergency Management Agency/Homeland Security (GEMA/HS), it is my responsibility to not only ensure that qualified individuals are appointed to this very important position, but to ensure that Directors are afforded the opportunity to maintain the standards for serving in this position. The qualifications and standards for this position are outlined in the *Official Code of Georgia Annotated*, Title 38, Chapter 3 (O.C.G.A. 38-3).

Training is an essential part of being an effective EMA Director. Within the first six months of your appointment, you will be required to undergo initial training and ultimately become a Certified Emergency Manager. Classes offered by our training staff and others will help you meet these requirements. For your convenience you can view our training schedule and register for GEMA/HS classes through our training website <https://training.gema.ga.gov/TRS>. If you have any questions regarding training, please contact Mr. Ed Westbrook, Statewide Training Manager, at (404) 624-2265.

There are also a number of other requirements that new EMA Directors must meet. Your Area Field Coordinator, Diane Adams, will be your primary point of contact for guidance and assistance in meeting these requirements and she can be reached at (912) 266-5421.

The day-to-day emergency management operational responsibilities are extremely important, since it reflects the organization's capability to effectively respond to an emergency or disaster situation. As Director of emergency management, it is your responsibility to ensure Ben Hill County's readiness to meet any emergency or disaster.

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My staff and I are available at all times to assist you in every possible way. Please do not hesitate to contact me at (404) 635-7000 or 1-800-TRY-GEMA. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

  
Homer Bryson

HB/AD

cc: Honorable Steve Taylor, Chairman  
Ben Hill County  
Board of Commissioners  
Diane Adams, Area Coordinator  
Georgia Emergency Management  
Agency/Homeland Security