



BIOGRAPHY

Reggie L. Chitwood

Reggie L. Chitwood is the Director of the Baldwin County Emergency Management Agency, a department responsible for the safety of the citizens of Baldwin County, Alabama during times of natural or man-made disasters.

Reggie's primary duty is to prepare for, mitigate, respond to, and recover from an emergency or significant weather event. Reggie also supervises a staff of seven personnel who perform various functions within the agency which include shelter coordination, training, logistics, planning, and grant acquisition/execution.

Reggie retired after 28 years as a sergeant with the Arkansas Highway Police, where he was responsible for leading, directing, and managing numerous officers in various locations throughout the state, which included acting as the Senior Recruit Counselor during several AHP recruit training schools. He has attended numerous middle and upper-level management courses administered by the Arkansas Highway Police, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Criminal Justice Institute of the University of Arkansas, and was a certified law enforcement instructor and field training officer.

From 2008 – 2010, Reggie served as the National Vice Commander of the all-volunteer Civil Air Patrol (CAP), a federally chartered nonprofit corporation and the civilian auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force headquartered at Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama. Reggie's primary duty was to assist the CAP National Commander with leading the 56,000-plus CAP volunteers in fulfillment of the organization's three congressionally chartered missions: Emergency Services, Cadet Programs and Aerospace Education, as well as CAP's increasing role in America's homeland security.

As CAP's national vice commander, Reggie was also a member of the CAP Board of Governors, CAP National Executive Committee and CAP National Board – CAP's governing and advisory bodies. A CAP member since 1991, his background also includes service on the CAP National Finance committee, Constitution and By-Laws committee, and Posse Comitatus committee.

Reggie also served as commander of CAP's Southwest Region and Arkansas Wing. As wing commander, he was instrumental in getting state legislation passed to allow CAP members up to 15 days off from their employment to assist in training or actual missions. In addition, he has served as a mission pilot, incident/mission commander, and Federal Aviation Administration Aviation Safety Counselor.

An Arkansas native, Reggie graduated from the University of Arkansas at Fort Smith with an associate degree in general studies with an emphasis on criminal justice. He has completed U.S. Air Force Squadron Officer's School, CAP's Region Staff and National Staff colleges, and all levels of the CAP Professional Development Program. His honors and achievements include the Gill Robb Wilson Award; Distinguished Service Award (x3), as wing, region, and national vice commander; Grover Loening Award; Brig. Gen. Chuck Yeager Aerospace Education Achievement Award; and several Meritorious Service awards and Commander's commendations.

Reggie is certified by the Alabama Emergency Management Agency as a Local Emergency Manager, and holds an Advanced Emergency Manager certification from the Alabama Association of Emergency Managers. He is the current President of the South Alabama Mutual Aid Compact.

Reggie's civic and community service includes positions as director on the Fort Smith River Festival Board, the Fort Smith Trolley Museum Board, and working as a project officer for Special Olympics of Arkansas.

Reggie is married and currently resides in Bon Secour, Alabama, with his wife, Rose.
