



John Madden
Director, Alaska Division of Emergency Services
Biography

Mr. Madden was appointed in January 2007 as the Director of the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management for the State of Alaska. This followed more than one year as the Deputy Director for Homeland Security within the division. His state service follows a distinguished career in seven federal agencies. Most recently, he served with the Transportation Security Administration as Assistant Federal Security Director for Operations. He coordinated security policies, procedures, plans, and exercises with federal, state, and local agencies throughout Alaska.

He was instrumental in the planning and execution of the Alaska Shield/Northern Edge 2005 exercise, the largest homeland security exercise in the state's history.

Madden began his public service career when he enlisted in the U.S. Army immediately after high school at the age of seventeen. He served twenty months in Vietnam performing aviation direct support. After his military service, he joined the U.S. civil

service with the Department of the Navy. He worked in program and project management with the Naval Weapons Engineering Support Activity, Naval Electronic Systems Command, and the Joint Cruise Missile Project Office. After earning his degree in political science, he joined the Department of Energy working on fossil fuels programs and research and development into alternative fuels.

In 1982, he elected to move to Alaska with the National Weather Service as Budget Officer. He supported their operations throughout Alaska and traveled extensively to maintain the remote weather observation sites. He next worked for the Alaskan Region of the Federal Aviation Administration as the Management Analysis Officer, Business Manager, and lastly, as Executive Staff to the Regional Administrator. He also ensured continuity of operations for all FAA operations under all hazards. He supported FEMA in several exercises and served in several Disaster Field Offices, most notably to Puerto Rico and Florida in response to Hurricane Georges.