

Louisiana Emergency Management Conference

2019 LEMC Featured Speakers

John Bel Edwards

Governor
Louisiana



On January 11, 2016, Governor John Bel Edwards was sworn in as the 56th Governor of Louisiana.

The governor grew up in Amite, Louisiana as one of eight children. With four Tangipahoa Parish Sheriffs in his lineage, he learned the importance of public service at an early age.

Governor Edwards graduated in 1988 from the United States Military Academy at West Point. The governor served eight years as an Airborne Ranger on active duty with the United States Army and commanded a rifle company in the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. He went on to graduate Order of the Coif from Louisiana State University Law Center and set up a civil law practice in his home town of Amite.

In 2008, he was elected to the Louisiana House of Representatives from District 72, where he served for eight years until the voters of Louisiana elected him governor in November 2015.

Governor Edwards and his wife, First Lady Donna Edwards, have three children: Samantha Bel, Sarah Ellen, and John Miller.

Billy Nungesser

Lt. Governor
Louisiana



Billy Nungesser is the 54th Lieutenant Governor of the state of Louisiana. He was elected in 2015 and began his term in January of 2016. Billy left a career as a successful businessman to begin his political career following Hurricane Katrina.

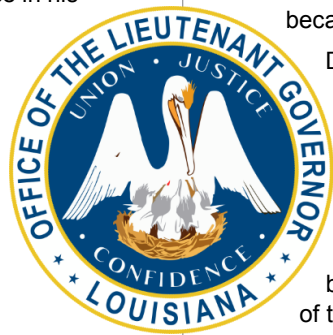
In 2005, Nungesser and his wife Cher rode out Hurricane Katrina at their ranch in southern Plaquemines Parish. In response to his own frustration over the slow response from government following Hurricane Katrina, Billy decided to run for Plaquemines Parish President in 2006. He was re-elected in 2010 with over 70% of the vote.

On April 20, 2010, Plaquemines Parish became Ground Zero for the nation's biggest environmental disaster. In the wake of the Deepwater Horizon oil rig explosion in the Gulf, Billy became the voice of Louisiana's frustration.

During the Deepwater Horizon oil spill, the New York Times named him the "hardest working man in Louisiana" and ABC named him Person of the Week during the same period. He continues to be the "hardest working man in Louisiana" to date on behalf of all of us.

Today Billy is second in command in the executive branch and Louisiana's ambassador as Commissioner of the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism.

From natural disasters to promoting our great state....Billy Nungesser is a man for all of Louisiana.



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Carlos Hank

Lieutenant, Internal Affairs Bureau
Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department



Carlos began his career with the Las Vegas Police Metropolitan Police Department as a Corrections Officer in 2000. He is a native of Lake Charles LA., graduating from La-Grange High School, then served our country for twelve years as a Marine attaining the rank of Staff Sergeant. Carlos graduated from Columbia Southern University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice.

He was promoted to Lieutenant in December 2016, and

served as a Watch Commander in the Support Operations Bureau. He currently serves as the Internal Affairs Lieutenant overseeing the administrative investigations of LVMPD employees.

He served in the Community Policing Division as a Shift Lieutenant overseeing the area Field Training program and Patrol Operations. The South East Area Command has a population of 178,000 people and 52 square miles of inner-city neighborhoods and rural communities.

Before becoming a Lieutenant, Carlos worked as a Detective Sergeant, overseeing hundreds of violent crime cases and six detectives.

Carlos has been decorated numerous times for outstanding performance in the line of duty. In 2006 he received the Medal of Honor for his actions in response to a triple Homicide.

He was a member of the LVMPD Body Camera committee that facilitated the selection, purchasing, training and deployment of over 400 body cameras in order to better equip our officers and enhance the Trust through Transparency process with our community.

Carlos responded to the October 1st Massacre and commanded the Staging area. He deployed over 50 Strike Teams into the Theater of operations.



Ken Graham

Director
National Hurricane Center

Ken Graham is the Director of the NOAA National Hurricane Center in Miami, Fla. He received his Bachelor of Atmospheric Science Degree at the University of Arizona, and earned a Master of Science Degree in Geosciences from Mississippi State University. While in Mississippi, he was a broadcast meteorologist for a CBS affiliate and was an agricultural meteorologist for the Mississippi Network Radio.



Ken began his career with NOAA in 1994 as an Intern Forecaster at the National Weather Service (NWS) in New Orleans. His career took him to agency's Southern Region Headquarters in Fort Worth, Tex., as the Marine and Public Program Manager during National Weather Service Modernization in the early 1990s. He became the Meteorologist-in-Charge (MIC) at NWS forecast offices in Corpus Christi, Tex., and Birmingham, Ala., where the office was awarded the Department of Commerce medal each year (2001-2005) for innovative services, such as Instant Messaging with television stations during critical events such as the Veteran's Day Tornado Outbreak.

He has served as Systems Eastern Region Headquarters Medal for leading a team New Orleans following moved to Washington

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briefed Congressional served as the MIC at the NWS New Orleans/Baton Rouge office, during which time the office won the Department of Commerce Bronze medal for innovative services during Hurricane Gustav and Ike, the National Weather Association's Operational Meteorology Award, and was included in the Department of Commerce Gold Medal Award for Decision Support Service that was presented to NOAA for the Deepwater Horizon oil spill. Ken received the National Weather Museum's Weather Hero Award for 2010.

Ken has extensive experience working directly with emergency managers during numerous high impact events, including nearly two decades along the U.S. coast. He has deployed to emergency operations centers, provided Impact Based Decision Support Briefings for emergency managers and elected officials, and delivered numerous training sessions and exercises related to tropical weather. Ken was elected a board member of the Louisiana Emergency Preparedness Association, is a member of the National Weather Association and the American Meteorological Society, and is a licensed HAM Radio Operator. He is also Chair of the World Meteorological Organization RA-IV.



Operations Chief at South- where he won a Bronze to make critical repairs in Hurricane Katrina. He D.C. to be Chief of Mete- he worked closely with vices and

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