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International Association of Emergency Medical Services Chiefs

## PRESS RELEASE:

### *IAEMSC Supports Confirmation of Director Craig Fugate as FEMA Administrator*

*Washington, DC, March 4, 2009:* The International Association of Emergency Medical Service Chiefs (IAEMSC) Executive Committee today announced its' unanimous support for the nomination of Mr. Craig Fugate, Director of the Florida Division of Emergency Management, to be FEMA Administrator. IAEMSC will be working with members of the US Senate to communicate this support throughout the confirmation hearing process.

Paul M. Maniscalco, President of IAEMSC stated "IAEMSC is quite happy that President Obama has nominated an individual with such an outstanding experience and leadership record to assume this very important role. Director Fugate is certainly the right person, at the right time, for FEMA as well as for EMS response operations in the United States. Given the vast operational experience and having been a Paramedic, he brings an understanding of EMS operations and the role of EMS in Emergency Management with him. These are important assets for all FEMA Administrators to possess. We are at an important crossroad in this nation with respect to enhancing capacity to respond to emergencies and disasters. Concurrently the process of redefining readiness and operational requirements will require a leader with the capabilities that he brings to this position."

The IAEMSC board unanimously voted to support the nomination of Director Fugate.

IAEMSC is aggressively supporting this nomination via contact with members of the Senate Committee before which, this nomination will be presented for confirmation. We strongly encourage all members of IAEMSC and EMS at large, to contact the members of the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee to voice your support for Director Fugate.

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