



All Hazards Consortium 2nd Annual State Border Coordination Speaker Biographies

John M. Contestabile
Assistant Program Manager
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John M. Contestabile is the Assistant Program Manager for Homeland Security for the Johns Hopkins University/Applied Physics Lab. He joined the Lab in July of 2009, after retiring from the State of Maryland Department of Transportation [MDOT] where he was the Director of the Office of Engineering & Emergency Services working in the Secretary's Office. In that capacity, he had been responsible for Emergency Planning/Response/Recovery activities for the MDOT since 1996. In addition to working at MDOT, Mr. Contestabile was named by Governor O'Malley as the Director of the Maryland State Communications Interoperability Program [MSCIP], reporting to the Superintendent of the Maryland State Police.

Previously, Mr. Contestabile served on assignment with the Governor's Office during the Ehrlich administration as the Acting Deputy Director of the Office of Homeland Security, from May through December of 2004 and as Acting Assistant Secretary of the MDOT from September of 2006 through September of 2007

Mr. Contestabile has participated on a number of National Committees including: the former Vice Chair of the *American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials* [AASHTO] Security Committee, the *Transportation Research Board's* Security Oversight Panel, the Department of Homeland Security's "*Safecom*" Interoperable Communications Advisory Committee and is a member of the Strategic Advisory Committee of the *Public Safety Spectrum Trust*, who holds the national license for the proposed 700 MHz broadband system. He is a member of several organizations including: the *All Hazards Consortium*, the *American Society of Civil Engineers* and the Baltimore Chapter of the *Women's Transportation Seminar* [WTS].

Mr. Contestabile received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering from Worcester Polytechnic Institute in Massachusetts and holds a Master of Business Administration Degree from the University of Baltimore. He and his wife and three children reside in Carroll County, Maryland.

Robert French
Director, Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA)
and Pennsylvania's Homeland Security Advisor



Robert P. French was appointed PEMA Director by Governor Edward G. Rendell on July 20, 2007. He has been directly involved in emergency management operations as a "second" responder, e.g. military planning and response for more than 30 years.

Prior to joining PEMA, Mr. French served as the deputy adjutant general – Army, Pennsylvania National Guard, a post he assumed in February 2004. He was responsible for overseeing the Pennsylvania Army National Guard. An Army Major General, French has served in each of the three major components of the Pennsylvania Army National Guard: the Pennsylvania National Guard Joint Headquarters, the 28th Infantry Division and the 213th Area Support Group. He retired from military service on June 27, 2009.

He completed Basic Training at Fort Polk, La., in 1972 as a mortar man. Mr. French attended the Pennsylvania National Guard Military Academy Officer Candidate School at Fort Indiantown Gap, graduating in 1974. Since that time, he has worked in support of emergency management actions from the local level through to the state level, serving in the Emergency Operation Center of the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs and PEMA.

Mr. French was born in Mt. Pleasant, Pa., in 1950. Raised in rural Dawson, Pa., he graduated from: Frazier High School in 1968; Mansfield State College in 1972, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in education; and United States Army War College with a Master's degree in Strategic Studies in 2001.

Jim Corry
Vice President, Customer Solutions
SkyTerra Communications

As Vice President, Customer Solutions, Mr. Corry leads SkyTerra's commercial and government customer outreach and marketing initiatives. He is centrally involved in the transition of the company's current generation services for commercial users as well as government departments and agencies throughout North America to SkyTerra's next generation terrestrial-satellite system.

Mr. Corry is a 22-year veteran of the United States Secret Service, where from 1976 to 1998, he held various positions of increasing responsibility including leading various technical teams and protecting senior U.S. leaders including the President and Vice President. He currently serves as member of the Federal Communication Commission's Communications Security, Reliability and Interoperability Council (CSRIC) where he represents the interests of the Satellite Industry Association. In 2007, Mr. Corry served on the Joint Advisory Committee on Communications Capabilities of Emergency Medical and Public Health Care Facilities. Established by the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) and the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), the committee assessed the capabilities and communications needs of medical and public health care facilities across the nation and submitted its report to the U.S. Congress. Mr. Corry is the past Vice-Chair of the National Coordinating Center for Telecommunications' Information Sharing and Analysis Center (NCC-ISAC) within the National Communications System of the Department of Homeland Security.

Prior to joining SkyTerra (then Mobile Satellite Ventures) in 2006, Mr. Corry served as director of Government Solutions for Nextel Communications, which became Sprint Nextel, where he led and managed a nationwide business development effort and national account focused on intelligence, law enforcement, and first responder agencies for the Federal Government. During this time, he served as Nextel's Federal Coordinator during Presidentially-declared National Special Security Events including the G8 Summit, the Democratic and Republican National Conventions, the Presidential Inauguration and the State of the Union address.

He is the recipient of numerous U.S. government awards and commendations and earned a BA in Chemistry and Secondary Education from Hanover College.

ROBERT P. CROUCH, JR.
Assistant to the Governor for Commonwealth Preparedness

January 2006 – January 2010: Cabinet level Homeland Security Advisor to the Governor of Virginia coordinating Commonwealth strategy and initiatives related to all-hazards preparedness.

- Department of Homeland Security point of contact for the Commonwealth
- Member, National Capital Region Senior Policy Group
- Chair, Secure Commonwealth Panel
- Vice-chair, Virginia Military Advisory Committee
- Vice-president, All Hazard Consortium Board
- Member, Virginia Fusion Center Advisory Board
- Co-chair, Commonwealth Preparedness Working Group
- Member, Virginia Citizen-Soldier Support Council
- Member, National Governor's Association Homeland Security Advisors' Council
- Commissioner, Fort Monroe Federal Area Development Authority
- Member, Interagency Anti-Gang Working Group
- Member, Board of Directors, Past Board Chair, Mid-Atlantic All Hazards Consortium
- Member, Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments Emergency Preparedness Council
- Chair, National Advisory Board, Norfolk State University Intelligence Community Center for Academic Excellence
- Member, National Governors' Association Governors' Homeland Security Advisors Council
- Member, National Association of Emergency Managers Homeland Security Consortium
- Co-Chair, Virginia Higher Education Preparedness Consortium
- Member, Commonwealth Homeland Security Foundation
- Fellow, James Madison University Institute for Infrastructure & Information Assurance

May 2005 - January 2006: Legal Counsel to Governor Mark R. Warner.

January 2002 - May 2005: Chief Deputy Secretary of Public Safety; Warner Administration (during which time served as co-chair of the Commonwealth Preparedness Working Group; co-chair, Critical Infrastructure Protection Working Group; chair, Virginia Citizen-Soldier Support Council; chair, Interagency Anti-Gang Working Group).

1993 - 2001: United States Attorney, Western District of Virginia.

1988 - 1993: Private practice of law in Charlottesville and Martinsville.

1976 - 1985: Clerk of the Circuit Court, Henry County.

EDUCATION:

B.A., Government, University of Maryland

M.P.A., University of North Carolina – Greensboro

J.D., University of Virginia

CIVIC INVOLVEMENT:

Bob Crouch has participated on the boards of numerous local and state civil organizations throughout his career including as a former member, George Mason University Board of Visitors; as a former member and chairman of the Virginia Community College Board, and as a former member of the Board of Directors of the Virginia Museum of Natural History.

Dennis R. Schrader
President, DRS International, LLC



Dennis R. Schrader, president of DRS International, offers his clients more than 30 years experience in executive and engineering administration with expertise in emergency preparation and homeland security, hospital administration and project management. Prior to launching his company, Schrader served as Deputy Administrator of the National Preparedness Directorate of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) after being confirmed by the United States Senate on August 17, 2007. In that capacity, he oversaw the coordination and development of resources and tools needed to prepare for all hazards scenarios, including acts of terrorism. These included strategy, policy and planning guidance to build prevention, protection and recovery capabilities

Prior to this assignment, Schrader served as Director of the Governor's Office of Homeland Security for Maryland. As Maryland's first Director of Homeland Security, under Governor Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., he is credited with the establishment of the office, as well as introducing efforts to improve public safety communications and advance information sharing abilities within the state. Using a Program Executive Office (PEO) strategy to foster collaboration during his tenure, Maryland developed many successful interagency projects like Maryland's Information-sharing Fusion Center and improvements to the Hazardous Materials Commercial Driver's License program. He was an active member of several homeland security committees including the Anti-Terrorism Advisory Council of Maryland and Maryland Pandemic Influenza Coordinating Committee. Previously, Schrader spent 16 years at the University of Maryland Medical System (UMMS), where his leadership posts included Director of Operations, Vice President of Facilities Management and Development and Vice President of Project Planning and Development. At UMMS, his work included development of medical preparedness plans for mass casualty incidents. He was a key member of the executive team that transformed the University of Maryland Medical Center into its current status as a prominent, nationally recognized institution. Schrader began his career in the auto industry as a manufacturing supervisor. He then later shifted his professional career to that of a U.S. Navy Civil Engineer Corps officer, where he deployed to the islands of Guam and Diego Garcia, and served tours in Sicily and at the Bethesda Naval Hospital.

He remained on active duty until 1987 and on reserve status until 2007. He retired from the Navy with the rank of Captain. In 1994, Schrader successfully ran for County Council in Howard County and served one term representing eastern Howard. During his tenure on the council, he focused on plans to improve the U.S. Rt. 1 corridor, efficiency of government spending and making government work for citizens through quality constituent service.

A native of Buffalo, N.Y., Schrader received his bachelor of Industrial Engineering degree from Kettering University and a Master of Science degree in Industrial Engineering from the State University of New York at Buffalo. He is a licensed professional engineer. Schrader resides in Columbia, Md. with his wife, Sandra, a former Maryland State Senator, and daughter, Whitney.

Robert B. Stephan
Managing Director, Dutko Global Risk Management

Colonel Bob Stephan is Managing Director, Dutko Global Risk Management, a core enterprise of the Washington, D.C.-based strategic consulting firm, DutkoWorldwide. Prior to his current position, Colonel Stephan served the Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security for Infrastructure Protection, U.S. Department of Homeland Security from 2005 to 2008. In this capacity, he was responsible for the Department's efforts to catalog our critical infrastructures and key resources, develop the National Infrastructure Protection Plan and coordinate risk-based strategies and protective measures to secure our infrastructures from terrorist attack, as well as enable their timely restoration in the aftermath of natural disasters and other emergencies. His specific areas of focus included the following critical sectors: Transportation (including ports and maritime facilities), Communications, Energy, Dams, Information Technology, Critical Manufacturing, Chemical, Nuclear, Water, Banking and Finance, Food and Agriculture, Commercial Facilities, Government Facilities, Emergency Services, and Monuments and Icons. His efforts also included extensive partnership building and facilitating risk analysis, contingency/resiliency planning, risk mitigation and emergency response planning across a wide array of Federal, State, and local government and private sector security partners.

With the initial activation of the Department of Homeland Security in 2003, Colonel Stephan served as Special Assistant to the Secretary and Director of the Secretary's Headquarters Operational Integration Staff. In this capacity, he was responsible for a wide range of activities that included headquarters-level interaction in the areas of strategic and operational planning, core mission integration, domestic incident management, and training and exercises. He also directed the Interagency Incident Management Group, integrating Department and interagency capabilities in response to domestic threats and incidents.

Previously, Colonel Stephan served as the first Senior Director for Critical Infrastructure Protection in the Executive Office of the President (EOP). During his tenure with EOP, his duties included developing and coordinating interagency policy and strategic initiatives to protect the United States against terrorist attack across critical infrastructure sectors, with a specific focus on the transportation sector.

Colonel Stephan held a variety of key operational and command positions in the joint special operations community during a 24-year Air Force career. During Operation Desert Storm, he deployed to Saudi Arabia as a joint battlestaff planner and mission commander supporting Joint Special Operations Task Force strategic interdiction operations in Iraq. As a commander of two Air Force Special Tactics Squadrons, Colonel Stephan organized, trained, and equipped forces for contingency operations in Somalia, Haiti, Bosnia, Croatia, Liberia, Colombia, and Kosovo.

Colonel Stephan is a distinguished graduate of the USAF Academy, and holds a Bachelors Degree in Political Science. He is an Olmsted Scholar, and has earned Masters Degrees in International Relations from the University of Belgrano, Buenos Aires, Argentina, and The Johns Hopkins University.