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KEMA President Appointed to Governor-Elect Transition Advisory Committee

(SOUTHWESTERN PA) - The Keystone Emergency Management Association (KEMA) is pleased to announce that President Roland “Bud” Mertz has been selected by Governor-Elect Josh Shapiro to serve on the Transition Advisory Committee on Public Safety.

KEMA President, Bud Mertz, will serve on the Emergency Management Committee under Chairman Patrick Murphy, former Under Secretary of the Army, with co-chairs including current and former Pennsylvania law enforcement officials, emergency management experts, and community safety advocates.

The role of the Transition Advisory Committees is to advise the incoming Administration on their top priorities, including a focus on making our communities safer. The Advisory Committees are made up of policy and professional experts, community advocates, and business, industry, and labor leaders from across the Commonwealth.

KEMA is a commonwealth-wide forum for the exchange of ideas, techniques, and best practices among municipal, county, regional task forces, state, and federal government organizations, agencies, associations, and the private sector with the goal of enhancing the overall emergency management program in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. As President of the association, President Mertz will be able to represent emergency management professionals from across the state while serving on the Emergency Management Committee.

In addition to his role as President of KEMA, Bud serves as the Director for the Westmoreland County Department of Public Safety.

“It is a great honor to be a part of the team that will work to direct the future of emergency management while incorporating the input from our collaboration with KEMA members,” Director Mertz stated.

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