



FEMA

FEMA: Week in Review

Louisiana Recovery Office
Serving Recovery Needs from Hurricanes Katrina and Rita
New Orleans, LA

Happy New Year

JANUARY

January 11, 2013

Calendar

ANNOUNCEMENTS

George A. "Tony" Robinson selected as FEMA Region VI Regional Administrator

George A. "Tony" Robinson has been selected to serve as regional administrator for FEMA Region VI. Previously serving as acting regional administrator, Robinson will be the first career regional administrator to serve under Region VI, (which includes Louisiana and oversees Louisiana Recovery Office activities).



Robinson has more than 25 years of service with FEMA and has held various management positions throughout his career, including deputy regional administrator, response and recovery division director and administration and resource planning division director. He has provided leadership and oversight during more than 50 federally-declared disasters, including Hurricane Andrew, Loma Prieta Earthquake, Typhoon Pongsona and hurricanes Katrina, Rita, Gustav and Ike. Prior to joining FEMA, Robinson worked for the Department of the Army at Fort Belvoir Research and Development Center.

FEMA welcomes Tony Robinson to his new position.

Jan. 15: [Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service Webinar](#), 1 p.m. CT

Jan. 18: Application deadline for [FY 2012 Fire Prevention and Safety Grants](#), 4 p.m. CT

Jan. 21: Martin Luther King Jr. Federal Holiday

Feb. 3: Super Bowl XLVII in New Orleans

Feb. 12: Mardi Gras

Mar. 12 –15: [Public Health Preparedness Summit](#), Atlanta, Ga.

Resolve to be Ready in 2013

Make emergency preparedness a New Year's resolution. With the start of a new year, the Federal Emergency Management Agency is reminding Americans to Resolve to be Ready for emergencies in 2013 through a national public awareness campaign.



For more information, visit [Ready.gov](#) and [Citizen Corps](#) or follow the campaign on Twitter using the hashtag #R2BR2013.

International Disaster Conference and Expo 2013



On Jan. 8, FEMA Region VI Administrator Tony Robinson joined former Department of Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge and Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness Director Kevin Davis in providing opening remarks at the [2013 International Disaster Conference and Expo](#).

IDCE is an annual international forum that brings together leading public and private sector professionals to address the critical areas of disaster mitigation. IDCE focuses content and programming around the principal of public-private partnerships as the key component to planning, response and recovery efforts on a national and international scale. Regional Administrator Robinson's address focused on FEMA's increased emphasis on the whole community and private sector initiatives that play a critical role in disaster response and recovery.

City of New Orleans Officials Break Ground on Fire Engine 31

On Wednesday, Jan. 9, 2013, city, state and federal officials broke ground on a new \$3.6 million fire station that will serve the Venetian Isles, Irish Bayou and Lake Catherine area. Tidal surge and high-velocity winds from Hurricane Katrina destroyed the original building. The new station will be 7,800 square feet and house two fire trucks and five firefighters per shift. FEMA has obligated \$2.4 million to date for this project.



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