



MaryAnn E. Tierney

Regional Administrator – FEMA Region III



MaryAnn Tierney is the Regional Administrator for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Region III office in Philadelphia, Pa. She was appointed to this position on August 30, 2010.

As Regional Administrator, she is responsible for coordinating FEMA emergency preparedness, mitigation, and disaster response and recovery activities in the District of Columbia and the states of Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia.

Prior to joining FEMA, Mrs. Tierney served as Deputy Managing Director for Emergency Management in the City of Philadelphia. From November of 2006 until her appointment at FEMA, she oversaw the transformation of the city's emergency preparedness program, focusing on developing operational emergency plans, conducting training and exercises for first responders, building partnerships with the private sector and community organizations, and providing the public awareness on how to prepare for and stay informed during an emergency.

Previously, Mrs. Tierney spent over seven years with the New York City Office of Emergency Management (OEM), ending her tenure there as the Assistant Commissioner for Planning and Preparedness. During her time with New York City OEM, Mrs. Tierney oversaw a complete revision of the city's Coastal Storm Plan including redesigns of the evacuation and shelter strategies, including development of a system for evacuating and sheltering individuals with special medical needs and pets.

Mrs. Tierney has extensive experience coordinating large complex emergency response operations in the field and at Emergency Operations Centers. She has managed over 60 Emergency Operations Center activations in New York and Philadelphia and regularly responds to large emergencies to coordinate on-scene response activities. Mrs. Tierney was responsible for coordinating the debris operation at the World Trade Center and the Fresh Kills Landfill and the New York City's application for federal funding to reimburse costs associated with the response to and recovery from September 11, 2001, which totaled over \$4.75 billion.

Mrs. Tierney is a principal member of the National Fire Protection Association's Technical Committee on Disaster/Emergency Management and Business Continuity Programs (NFPA 1600) and has served as adjunct professor teaching graduate-level

courses on emergency preparedness.

Mrs. Tierney holds a B.A. in Political Science from American University and a Masters in Public Administration from New York University. She recently completed the Naval Postgraduate School Center for Homeland Defense and Security's Executive Leaders Program.