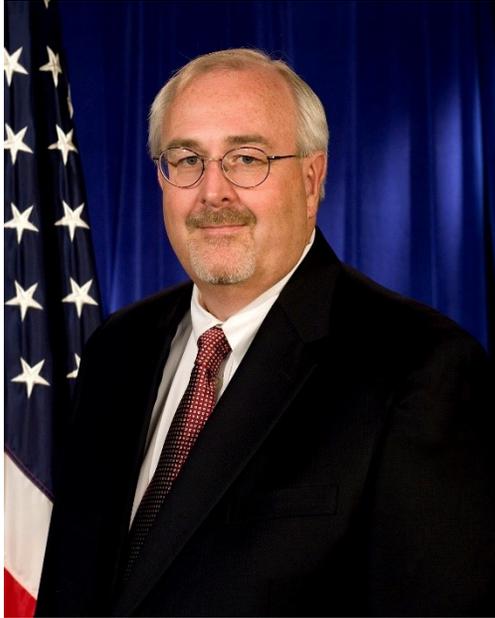


W. Craig Fugate

Former Administrator

Federal Emergency Management Agency



W. Craig Fugate served as President Barack Obama's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Administrator from 2009-17.

Fugate led FEMA through multiple record-breaking disaster years and oversaw the federal government's response to major events such as the Joplin and Moore tornadoes, Hurricane Sandy, Hurricane Matthew, and the 2016 Louisiana flooding.

During his tenure, Fugate focused not only on restoring FEMA's response capabilities but on promoting emergency management as a community and shared responsibility. Fugate instituted a permanent effort to build the nation's capacity to stabilize a catastrophic event within 72 hours. He drove completion of presidential policy on national preparedness and implemented the National Preparedness System to build unity of effort to address the nation's most significant risks.

Under Fugate's leadership, FEMA fostered a balanced, community-oriented approach to emergency management that builds sustainable and resilient communities before and after disaster strikes. Fugate oversaw a dramatic increase in online registration for federal disaster assistance through a streamlined, single front-door portal. He also directed the creation of a FEMA app that enables FEMA response efforts through public reporting functionality, supports individuals and families with preparedness tips and hazard alerts, and helps survivors access FEMA assistance when disaster strikes.

From 2001-09, he served as Florida Gov. Jeb Bush's emergency management director. In 2004, Fugate managed the largest federal disaster response in Florida history as four major hurricanes - Charley, Frances, Ivan and Jeanne - impacted the state in quick succession. In 2005, Florida was again impacted by major disasters when three more hurricanes - Dennis, Katrina, and Wilma - made landfall in the state.

Under Fugate's stewardship, Florida's emergency management program became the first statewide program in the nation to receive full accreditation from the Emergency Management Accreditation Program.

In 2016, Fugate received the National Emergency Management Association's Lacy E. Suiter Award for lifetime achievements and contributions in the field of emergency management.

Fugate and his wife Sheree hail from Gainesville, Fla.