

# Manuel Soto

## Emergency Manager

### Office of Emergency Management, City of Orlando

Manuel Soto is the Emergency Manager of the City of Orlando Office of Emergency Management (OEM). He coordinates the city's Emergency Management programs and is responsible for oversight of the city's efforts to effectively prevent, respond to, and recover from natural and man-made disasters.

During his tenure, Soto has successfully coordinated the city's response to several federally-declared disasters. Most recently, he managed the Emergency Operations Center during Hurricane Irma, Hurricane Matthew and the Pulse shooting incident.

Under his leadership, the City of Orlando has achieved full accreditation through the Emergency Management Accreditation Program (EMAP), one of only seven cities in the nation and the first municipal government in the state of Florida to receive this distinction.

Soto also served in the U.S. Army active and reserves component. He was an Infantry Officer and a Communications Officer in the U.S. Army. During his various worldwide deployments, he specialized in tactical command and control communication systems and emergency contingency planning.

Soto also enjoys being active in the world of academia. He has worked as an adjunct instructor with the University of Central Florida School of Public Administration for 13 years, teaching emergency management. He received his Bachelor of Arts in Secondary Education and Social Science from Inter-American University of Puerto Rico and a Master of Public Administration degree from Troy State University in Alabama.

He is a Certified Emergency Manager (CEM) since 2002 with the International Association of Emergency Management.

He is married to Daly with two marvelous children, Christine and Robert.

