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OCT 10 2018

The Honorable Phil Mendelson  
Chairman  
Council of the District of Columbia  
John A. Wilson Building  
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Suite 504  
Washington, DC 20004

Dear Chairman Mendelson:

In accordance with section 2 of the Confirmation Act of 1978, effective March 3, 1979 (D.C. Law 2-142; D.C. Official Code § 1-523.01), and in accordance with section 202 of the Homeland Security, Risk Reduction, and Preparedness Amendment Act of 2006, effective March 14, 2007 (D.C. Law 16-262; D.C. Official Code § 7-2271.02), I am pleased to nominate the following person:

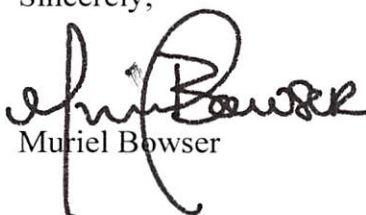
Mr. Brian Baker  
909 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, DC 20003  
(Ward 6)

for appointment as a public member of the Homeland Security Commission, replacing John Contestabile, for a term to end February 20, 2021.

Enclosed, you will find biographical information detailing the experience of the above-mentioned nominee, together with a proposed resolution to assist the Council during the confirmation process.

I would appreciate the Council's earliest consideration of this nomination for confirmation. Please do not hesitate to contact me, or Steven Walker, Director, Mayor's Office of Talent and Appointments, should the Council require additional information.

Sincerely,

  
Muriel Bowser



Chairman Phil Mendelson  
at the request of the Mayor

A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Chairman Phil Mendelson, at the request of the Mayor, introduced the following resolution,  
which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_.

To confirm the appointment of Mr. Brian Baker to the Homeland Security Commission.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Homeland Security Commission Brian Baker Confirmation Resolution of 2018".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia confirms the appointment of:

Mr. Brian Baker  
909 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, DC 20003  
(Ward 6)

as a public member of the Homeland Security Commission, pursuant to section 202 of the Homeland Security, Risk Reduction, and Preparedness Amendment Act of 2006, effective March 14, 2007 (D.C. Law 16-262; D.C. Official Code § 7-2271.02), replacing John Contestabile, for a term to end February 20, 2021.

Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia shall transmit a copy of this resolution, upon its adoption, to the nominee and to the Office of the Mayor.

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

# Brian C. Baker

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Washington, DC 20003  
202-525-0564  
[baker.c.brian@gmail.com](mailto:baker.c.brian@gmail.com)

## SUMMARY

An accomplished and proven **Public Safety Leader** having served in the public, private sector and non-governmental organizations with extensive experience and expertise in *organizational leadership program management, public health, planning and policy development, strategic planning, and large national security event coordination*. Directed and managed complex, multi-faceted initiatives and tasks with exceptional skills in problem solving, decision-making and critical analysis. Lead focused business and execution strategies to produce results. A respected and progressive leader in public safety with solid a reputation in the industry.

## CLEARANCE

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## EXPERIENCE

### **Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency (HSEMA) Government of the District of Columbia**

Washington, DC

DEPUTY DIRECTOR

November 2017- Present

CHIEF OF STAFF

November 2013- April 2017

- Manage day to day operations and serve as the executive officer of HSEMA the lead cabinet agency for the preparedness, response and recovery of Washington, DC.
- Serve as a member of the mayor's senior public safety team and represent the District at city events.
- Operate as the State Coordination Officer (SCO) and the Mayor's Authorized Represented (MAR) for emergencies and disaster in the District.
- Designated Deputy Homeland Security Advisor (HSA) to the Mayor.
- Lead the senior management team in the supervision of over 100 full time employees and a \$20 million annual operating budget.
- Serve a member of the Senior Policy Group (SPG) for the National Capital Region (NCR) and decide the annual allocation and oversight of \$200 million of federal homeland security grants and programs.
- Consequence Management Chair for National Special Security Events (NSSE) including the 57<sup>th</sup> Presidential Inauguration.
- Oversee the Washington Regional Threat Analysis Center, DC's intelligence fusion center.
- Coordinate with federal, regional and business partners to establish relationship for preparedness and response efforts.
- **Additionally Acting as the Chief of Staff, Office of Unified Communication (May 2015- January 2016).** Which includes 911 and 311 call operations, management of public safety voice radio technology and other public safety wireless communication systems fielding 1.8 million calls per year with a staff of nearly 400.

### **Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency (HSEMA) Government of the District of Columbia**

Washington, DC

INTERIM DIRECTOR

April 2017- November 2017

- On an Interim basis serve the Mayor of the District of Columbia as the Director of HSEMA.
- Serves as member of the Mayors Cabinet.
- Designated as the State Coordinating Officer and Mayor's Authorized Representative for disasters and emergencies.
- Manage all aspects of the agency to ensure that District of Columbia's all-hazards emergency operations are prepared to protect against, plan for, respond to, and recover from natural and man-made hazards.
- Lead the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and coordination during emergencies and disasters.
- Serve on the Regional Homeland Security Executive committee (HSEC).
- Act as the State Administrative Agency and manage all Homeland Security and Disaster Grants for the region from US Department of Homeland Security and the Federal Emergency Management Agency totaling over \$200 million.
- Lead the city wide Consequence Management Team (CMT) comprised of agency directors.
- Manage the agency budget and ensure fiscal responsibility.

- Establish measurable readiness metrics and performance measures for preparedness in the areas of prevention, protection, response and recovery.
- Oversee the Washington Regional Threat Analysis Center.
- Responsible for the coordination of all special events which occur in the nation's capital to include the presidential inauguration, parades, block parties, cultural festivals, demonstrations, and national petitioning by citizens voicing their first amendment rights. Ensures all medical, police, transportation, and clean-up requirements are met.

**Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC)**

Washington, DC

**DIRECTOR, PREPAREDNESS CONSULTING**

December 2011-November 2012

- Oversaw and led the strategic direction of the preparedness and response division of SAIC which included an annual sales goal of \$30 million and 40 full time employees.
- Responsible for the business development and growth of the division.
- Serve as the senior principal and project advisor for homeland security, public health and emergency management projects.
- Supervised and evaluated senior level staff and provide oversight to the regional directors, business development managers and program managers.
- Responsible for performance goals in terms of sales, revenue and profitability for the overall division.
- Served as a senior management representative of SAIC reporting directly to the senior vice president of the operation.
- Represent SAIC at national, regional and local events and conferences and serve as an industry subject matter expert speaking on key emergency management, public health and homeland security issues.

**Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC)**

Washington, DC

**[Formerly] Beck Disaster Recovery (BDR)**

July 2009- December 2011

**REGIONAL MANAGING DIRECTOR**

**PRINCIPAL CONSULTANT**

- Managed all operations, programs, and business development for the Mid-Atlantic and North East region which includes FEMA region I, II and III for one of the nation's largest homeland security and emergency management and public health consulting firms.
- Served as a member of senior leadership team for the Preparedness Division of SAIC and acted as a corporate representative of SAIC.
- Identified prospective clients, utilizing existing BDR & SAIC relationships to market emergency management planning, preparedness and recovery work and expanding service offerings, managing the entire sales process.
- Managed performance goals in terms of sales, revenue and profitability for the region.
- Acted as the Principal-in-Charge for many of the high profile clients including FEMA CalOES, Bay Area UASI, New York City Office of Emergency Management and the Virginia Department of Emergency Management.
- Supported major federal projects including National Level Exercise and the Architect of the U.S. Capitol
- Provided Subject Matter Expertise across the firm for various emergency planning and homeland security, and public health projects.

**Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency (HSEMA)**

Washington, DC

**Government of the District of Columbia**

May 2008- July 2009

**ASSISTANT DIRECTOR/ CHIEF, PLANS AND PREPAREDNESS**

- Managed all aspects of the Planning and Preparedness Division and oversaw individual programs areas including Mitigation, Critical Infrastructure, Long Term Recovery and COOP for the District of Columbia.
- Designed and developed preparedness initiatives to support the homeland security strategy of the District.
- Developed, maintained, and updated emergency operations plans including the District Response Plan and Emergency Support Function Annexes.



- Led in the development of major planning initiatives to including the District Mass Care and Shelter Plan, Public Safety COOP Plans, and Radiological Response Annex and served as the Planning Chief for the 56<sup>th</sup> Presidential Inauguration.
- Served as Emergency Operation Center Director for EOC activation.
- Acted as Co-Chair of Consequence Management for National Special Security Events (NSSE) including the Papal visit to the District, G-20 Summit and the 56<sup>th</sup> Presidential Inauguration.
- Establish partnerships with District agencies, Federal agencies, NGOs and the private sector to further District wide preparedness efforts.
- Worked closely with the Operations and Training Division to ensure proper plan implementation and after action reporting.
- Participated in various committees including Emergency Preparedness Council, Mayors Bioterrorism Task Force, and the Pandemic Coordinating Council.
- Supervised, mentored and evaluated ten professional and contract staff.

**Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency (HSEMA)**

**Government of the District of Columbia**

Washington, DC

SENIOR PROGRAM MANAGER

December 2007- May 2008

- Operated as the Project Manger of multiple Urban Area Security Initiative projects and update District strategies and implemented those plans.
- Served as the lead Continuity of Operations (COOP) Planner for the agency.
- Managed COOP planning, operations and emergency coordination for DC Government Agency.
- Acted as the agency's lead representative and planner for all ESF #8 Health and Medical Issues with special focus on Pandemic Influenza and Bioterrorism.
- Acted as the Emergency Liaison Officer to the U.S. Secret Service for National Special Security Events.
- Supported emergency operations in the District acting as Emergency Operations Center Manager during activations for disasters and significant events.
- Participated on the Federal COOP Working Group.

**Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency (HSEMA)**

**Government of the District of Columbia**

Washington, DC

TRAINING AND EXERCISE MANAGER

February 2006- December 2007

- Responsible for the management, implementation and monitoring of all emergency management, homeland security and counter terrorism training within DC and the National Capital Region.
- Ensured that all training/ exercises programs meet all Homeland Security Grants and Training guidelines and HSEEP.
- Developed, updated and implemented procedures, handbooks and training programs for recovery, mitigation, and response activities.
- Supported emergency operations in the District acting as Emergency Operations Center Manager during activations for disasters and significant events.
- Managed full scale, functional, and tabletop exercises working directly with District and federal partners.
- Coordinated with District and federal agency included the Metropolitan Police Department, Department of Health, Department of Transportation, Public Work, Fire/EMS, FEMA, DHS, FBI, Park Police, Secret Service and other key agencies to endure all training needs and requirements were fulfilled.
- Served on various committees and working groups including NRC Exercise and Training Oversight Panel, DC Training Working Group, Counsel of Governments (COG) Police Chief Committee, COG Emergency Managers Committee, FEMA National Security COOP joint working group, and the DC Hospital Association.

**Response to Emergencies and Disasters Institute (READI)**

**The George Washington University**

Ashburn, VA

TRAINING COORDINATOR

December 2004- January 2006

SENIOR PROGRAM SPECIALIST

April 2003-December 2004

- Coordinated Department of Homeland Security (DHS/ODP) training within the National Capital Region, which included course management, logistics, monitoring and evaluation.

- Represented READI and served as a subject matter expert in the areas of Healthcare and Hospital Emergency Management and national Homeland Security policy review.
- Served as the liaison with the District of Columbia and READI, which involved meeting with training officers, city officials, and organizational heads to facilitate their training requirements and serving on various committees.
- Served as project manager and lead Instructor for intensive and showcase AMA courses such as Basic Disaster Life Support and Advanced Disaster Life Support that entailed the planning and execution of exercises with large scale decontamination areas.
- Aided in the drafting and development of proposals to support the future progress of READI.
- Prepared course status reports, financial agreements, and after action reports.
- Aided in the design of strategic plans and assist in the development of special courses for COOP training and managing metro emergencies.

**National Nurse Emergency Preparedness Initiative (NNEPI)**

Washington, DC

**Department of Homeland Security**

PROJECT MANAGER

January 2005- May 2006

SUBJECT MATTER EXPERT

- Oversaw the management and instructional design under the direction the Principal Investigator of a \$2 million grant through the Office for Domestic Preparedness.
- Developed training for nurses to prepare and respond to emergencies with special focus on weapons of mass destruction through online based training.
- Convened a National Summit on Nursing Preparedness.

**American Red Cross of Rhode Island**

Providence, RI

HEALTH AND SAFETY SERVICES COMMITTEE MEMBER

2000-2004

STATE CHAIR (HEALTH AND SAFTY)

2003 (one year term)

- Served in a leadership position and supported the governance of the American Red Cross of Rhode Island's Health and Safety services which included needs assessments and strategic planning.
- Lobbied for state legislation, represented the Red Cross at professional association conferences, and acted as spokes person for the Red Cross at many health, safety, and wellness events.
- Acted as the state chair responsible of upgrading over 150 health and safety instructors in the state of Rhode Island to new Emergency Cardiac Care Guidelines in 2001.
- Led national training program revisions in Puerto Rico and advised in the department reorganization.
- Worked as volunteer, teaching, supervising and updating instructors in health and safety courses.
- Aided the chapters in the expansion of their service delivery and quality assurance.

**American Red Cross of Rhode Island**

Providence, RI

DISASTER LOGISTIC COORDINATOR

1999-2003

- Served as a disaster services representative for the chapter and responded when activated to emergency and disaster sites.
- Support national Red Cross to the September, 11 2001 attacks.
- Liaison with emergency services operations of local, county government and other community based organizations.
- Worked with members of the National Red Cross, Department of Health, Medical Examiner's Office, and law enforcement to provide family briefing and support, communications, and a family site visit during the West Warwick night club fire that claimed 100 lives.

**EDUCATION**

Homeland Security Executive Leaders Program, THE NAVAL POSTGRADUATE SCHOOL

Homeland Security and Defense Leadership

February 2015

Master of Health Services Administration, THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER,

Concentration: Homeland Security/ Emergency Management

May 2009

Washington, DC

Bachelor of Science in Event and Recreation Management, JOHNSON AND WALES UNIVERSITY,  
Minor: Leadership Studies/ Political History  
May 2003 *Magna cum Laude*, Degree  
Providence, RI

Associate of Science in Recreation and Health Science Management, JOHNSON AND WALES UNIVERSITY,  
May 2001 *Magna cum Laude*, Degree  
Providence, RI

Certification as an Emergency Medical Technician (Critical Care), CORNING COMMUNITY COLLEGE,  
Certificate June 1999  
Recertified May 2002  
Corning, NY

#### **AFFILIATIONS AND ORGANIZATIONS**

MEMBER, Governors Homeland Security Advisors Committee

MEMBER, National Emergency Management Association (NEMA)

MEMBER, Big City Emergency Management Directors

BOARD MEMEBER, All Hazards Consortium (AHC)

MEMBER, International Association of Emergency Managers

SENIOR ADVISOR, National Integration Center, FEMA

#### **AWARDS**

SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF SERVICE, METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT, DECEMBER 2017

DIRECTOR'S AWARD OF LEADERSHIP GOVERNMENT OF THE DISITRICT OF COLUMBIA, MARCH 2016

MAYORAL LETTER OF RECOGNITION FOR THE 57TH PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION, FEBRUARY 2014

MAYORAL LETTER OF RECOGNITION FOR THE 56TH PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION, FEBRUARY 2009

PRESIDENTS LEADERSHIP AWARD SAIC, December 2011

MAYORAL LETTER OF RECOGNITION FOR THE 56<sup>TH</sup> PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION, February 2009

JOHNSON & WALES UNIVERSITY TRUSTEE AWARD, May 2003.

GOLDEN QUILL HONOR SOCIETY, January 2003.

AMERICAN RED CROSS HERO AWARD, August 2002.

JOHNSON & WALES UNIVERSITY DISTINGUISHED VISITING PROFESSORS SCHOLAR, January 2001.

#### **CERTIFICATIONS AND TRAININGS**

##### **FEMA/ EMI**

- State Coordinating Officers Training
- New State Director's Training
- COOP Planners Training
- COOP Manager Train the Trainer
- National Incident Management System (NIMS)
- Incident Command System (ICS) 100, 200, 300 and 400
- ICS Train the Trainer
- Introduction to Emergency Management
- Natural Hazards
- National Response Framework (NRF)
- Special Event Contingency Planning for Public Safety Agencies
- Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program Instructor (HSEEP)
- Threat and Risk Assessment
- Incident Response to Terrorist Bombing
- Response to Suicide Bombing
- Incident Management and Unified Command
- Hospital Emergency Management
- Enhanced Threat and Risk Assessment
- WMD Complexities
- Managing Metro Emergencies
- Law Enforcement Response to WMD
- Instructor Law Enforcement Response to WMD

##### **American Medical Association**

- Basic Disaster Life Support (BDLS)
- Advance Disaster Life Support (ADLS)
- National Disaster Life Support (NDLS)
- NDLS, BDLS and ADLS Instructor

***Reference Furnished Upon Request***





Executive Office of the Mayor - Office of Talent and Appointments  
John A. Wilson Building | 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, Suite 600 | Washington, DC 20004

## Brian Baker



Brian Baker served as the Deputy Director of the District of Columbia's Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency (HSEMA).

In this role, Baker serves as the Homeland Security Advisor and State Coordinating Officer for the District. HSEMA is responsible for emergency planning, preparedness, response, and recovery for the City, including operations for a 24-hour emergency operations center and the Washington Regional Threat Analysis Center.

Previously, Mr. Baker served as HSEMA's Chief of Staff and managed its financial, administrative, emergency preparedness and response efforts. Prior to rejoining HSEMA in 2012, Mr. Baker worked as a senior manager for one of the nation's largest homeland security and emergency management firms, overseeing preparedness consulting for government, private sector and higher education clients. Additionally, he supported post-disaster recovery from Hurricane Irene, the 2011 Nor'easter, and the Deep Water Horizon oil spill.

From 2005-2009, he held various roles at HSEMA including the Chief of Plans, Preparedness, Training and Exercises, and acted as the Emergency Operations Center Manager for numerous activations. He oversaw multiple Presidential disaster declarations and served as the consequence management lead for more than 15 National Special Security Events including three presidential inaugurations and two Papal visits.

Mr. Baker helped lead the Response to Emergencies and Disasters Institute (READI) at George Washington University, a US Justice Department Office of Domestic Preparedness program focused on first responder training and Weapons of Mass Destruction preparedness.

A Ward 6 resident, Mr. Baker received his undergraduate degree at Johnson and Wales University and his graduate degree at the George Washington University School of Public Health. He is also a graduate of the Naval Postgraduate School Center for Homeland Defense and Security's Homeland Security Executive Leaders Program.



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
Executive Office of Mayor Muriel Bowser



Office of the General Counsel to the Mayor

**To:** Alana Intrieri, Steve Walker  
**From:** Betsy Cavendish  
**Date:** May 9, 2018  
**Subject:** Legal sufficiency review of Resolution nominating Brian Baker, Edward Pearson, and Joanna Turner to the District of Columbia Homeland Security Commission.

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**This is to Certify** that this office has reviewed the above-referenced legislation and found it to be legally unobjectionable. If you have any questions in this regard, please do not hesitate to call me at 202-724-7681.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Elizabeth A. Cavendish'. The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

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Elizabeth Cavendish