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Mark Riley serves as the Deputy Director for Disaster Recovery for the Governors Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP). Mr. Riley is responsible for all recovery activities related to the Public Assistance (PA) and Hazard Mitigation (HM) Programs authorized by the *Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Response Act*.



Currently Riley is managing efforts for Hurricanes Katrina and Rita and eight (8) other open disasters in Louisiana, totaling approximately \$18 billion in FEMA PA and HM funding for more than 1,600 applicants and 36,000 projects. Riley is designated as the Deputy Governor's Authorized Representative for Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, and the State Coordinating Officer (SCO) for Hurricanes Gustav and Ike.

Prior to accepting the position with GOHSEP, Riley was the Legal Advisor to the Joint Warfighting Center, U.S. Joint Forces Command, in Norfolk, Virginia. He is a long time, off and on, resident of Baton Rouge, dating back to his graduation from Louisiana State University (LSU) in 1974.

Riley retired from the U.S. Marine Corps Reserves in 2007, after 32 years of reserve and active service. He was last recalled to active duty after the events of September 11, 2001, in support of Operations Enduring Freedom and Noble Eagle, and served for three (3) years as the Legal Advisor to the Standing Joint Headquarters, Homeland Security (HS), U.S. Northern Command.

Riley holds a Master of Law Degree, with a specialty in Tax Law, from Georgetown University; a Juris Doctorate from LSU Law School; and a Bachelor of Science (Economics) from LSU. He is admitted to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court, the Federal Fifth and First Circuit Courts, the U.S. Claims Court, the U.S. Tax Court, all military courts and all courts of the State of Louisiana.

He has four (4) children, Devon, Kellen and the twins – Sofie and Brogan.

