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### **Platt Named Director of Emergency Management Division**

**COLUMBIA, S.C. (Friday, June 26, 2009, 11:30 a.m.)** - Major General Stanhope S. Spears, The Adjutant General, announced today the appointment of Charles R. "Ricky" Platt as the new Director of the agency's Emergency Management Division.

A long-time veteran of the South Carolina Army National Guard, Colonel Platt returns to South Carolina from an active duty tour at the National Guard Bureau in Arlington, Va., where he served as Chief, Concepts and Special Projects.

While at the Bureau, Platt served as liaison officer with the South Carolina National Guard for the CBERNE Consequence Management Response Force (CCMRF) mission and coordinated the annual Hurricane Workshop with the Chief, NORAD/NORTHCOM; Chief of the National Guard Bureau; nine Adjutants General and 27 States, including the Coast Guard, Marines, Army, Navy and Air Force. During the inauguration, he was liaison officer for the U.S. Secret Service Multi-Agency Communications Center; and also liaison officer responsible for coordinating Pre-Set Mission Assignments (PSMAs) and Gap Analysis with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). He has served as Assistant Deputy Director for the North Dakota Flood Response.

For four years he led the South Carolina National Guard Domestic Operations Military Support as Director. Responsibilities included planning, rehearsing, implementing and executing emergency operations and disaster recovery throughout the state, FEMA Region IV and the United States. He solicited, designed, implemented and led the Vigilant Guard 2008 exercise in Beaufort and Horry counties consisting of 84 training lanes conducted by civilian responders according to National Incident Management System (NIMS) doctrine. The exercise involved over 3,500 Guardsmen from four states and 500 responders. To date it is the largest Joint Military/Civilian exercise conducted in the United States. Additionally, he hosted the annual nationwide National Guard Hurricane Gap Analysis Workshop for the Bureau at Hilton Head Island.

A graduate of the University of South Carolina, additionally he holds a Masters Degree in Business from Touro University in Vallejo, Calif., and is also a graduate of the "Leadership South Carolina Program."

Ronald C. Osborne, the current Division director, has announced his retirement effective July 1. He has been with the Division for 17 years, eight years as Director.

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