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## **Commissioner Wantz Appointed to Governor's Emergency Management Advisory Council**

Westminster, Wednesday, October 14, 2015 – Commissioner Stephen A. Wantz, District 1, has been appointed to the Governor's Emergency Management Advisory Council (GEMAC). The Council serves as an independent advisory body and advises the Governor on all matters that relate to emergency management in Maryland.

The Emergency Management Advisory Council started in 1950 as the Civil Defense Advisory Council. In 1975, it was renamed the Civil Defense and Disasters Preparedness Advisory Council, becoming the Emergency Management Advisory Council in 1981. Members are appointed by the Governor and serve a two-year term.

GEMAC brings together local, state, and private sector experts and stakeholders to discuss and develop specific recommendations for further study or investigation by emergency management officials. GEMAC members are given the opportunity to provide external validation of the State's activities, suggest ideas and alternatives, and raise concerns or points of view that may not have been considered.

Commissioner Wantz retired from Baltimore County after serving as a firefighter for 30 years. He was awarded Fire Fighter of the Year by the Dundalk VFW in 1983 and by the Pikesville Chamber of Commerce in 2003 and 2012. Commissioner Wantz has been a member of the Pleasant Valley Community Fire Department since 1976, serving in many leadership roles including Chief of the Fire Department. He is the immediate Past President of the Carroll County Volunteer Emergency Services Association.

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