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AC Disaster Consulting Names Jonathan Jenkins COO

Long-Time Emergency Management Leader to Bring Expertise to Public and Private Sectors Before, During and After a Natural Disaster or Catastrophic Event



Arlington, TX – AC Disaster Consulting is proud to announce the hiring of veteran emergency management official Jonathan Jenkins as Chief Operating Officer (COO).

Founded by CEO and disaster management expert Alyssa Carrier, AC Disaster Consulting is a full-spectrum emergency management firm providing planning, response and recovery services to public and private sectors before, during and after a natural disaster or catastrophic event.

Jenkins assumed the role of COO for the company on May 20, 2019 and is now responsible for managing corporate operations.

“We are thrilled to add Jonathan to our team. He is a recognized leader and expert in emergency management, and is known for his wide range of skills, relationships and experience from his work on a number of disasters and emergencies in NYC and around the country,” Carrier said. “He is coming in fully committed to applying his expertise with a touch of compassion to our clients. He’s seen and experienced the impact of disasters on a community and understands the complex disaster response and preparedness cycle.”

“I am excited to join AC Disaster Consulting for its unique work portfolio, but also for the diversity and business model as a Minority and Woman-Owned Business Enterprise (MWBE) and Texas Historically Underutilized Business (HUB),” Jenkins explained. “I’m honored to be the first male employee at the company as part of the leadership team, and look forward to adding to the team’s diversity of thought and perspective as we serve our clients and communities.”

Jenkins brings with him experience as the Assistant Commissioner with the New York City Department of Emergency Management ([NYCEM](#)), where he began as a planner in 2006. After being appointed Assistant Commissioner in 2013, he became responsible for managing all aspects of interagency humanitarian logistics, supply chain logistics, and resource management and planning as part of the NYC Citywide Logistics Program (CLP). During his tenure at NYCEM, Jenkins responded to various disasters and emergencies in NYC and around the country, including building collapses, wildfires, winter weather, tornadoes, hurricanes (most recently Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico), and various planned events.

Some of his lasting initiatives include a program to build the City's all-hazards Emergency Supply Stockpile (ESS) for response and recovery operations, planning for and building the City's Logistics Center (LC) for disaster logistics operations during emergencies, and developing a lasting and strategic partnership between NYCEM and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) Humanitarian Supply Chain Laboratory. He was also one of three Deputy Commissioners for the New York City Emergency Operations Center (EOC), leading hundreds of agency partners during responses.

Jenkins also served on various city, state, and federal committees and advisory boards including the Port of New York and New Jersey Area Maritime Security Committee (AMSC). He was also a representative for the Big City Emergency Managers (BCEM) on the National Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) Advisory Group.

Jenkins has held positions as an emergency planning consultant at the U.S. Senate Office of Security and Emergency Preparedness in Washington, DC; as an emergency management consultant for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) National Incident Management System (NIMS) Integration Center (NIC) in Washington, DC; and as a bioterrorism consultant for the U.S. Department of Defense (DOD) Joint-Base Readiness Program in McLean, VA.

Jenkins holds dual Bachelor of Science degrees in Biotechnology and Biological Sciences from the University of Kentucky in Lexington, KY, and a Master of Arts degree in Forensic Psychology from Marymount University in Arlington, VA. Jenkins furthered his education on disaster resilience through Harvard University's National Preparedness Leadership Institute in Cambridge, MA, from which he graduated in 2018.

As part of his duties as COO, Jenkins will represent AC Disaster Consulting and as an Editorial Board member for two international peer-reviewed publications: the *Journal of Continuity & Emergency Planning* and the *Journal of Supply Chain Management, Logistics & Procurement*.

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About AC Disaster Consulting:

AC Disaster Consulting is a disaster and preparedness consulting firm focused on providing compassionate services to local, state, federal, and industry clients active in disaster response and recovery operations and preparedness. Our clients rely on us to understand and navigate the complex federal, state and local processes associated with each phase of the disaster management cycle. We use our extensive network and invaluable relationships at every level of government to help them. They can count on our reputation for meeting deadlines and producing results. AC Disaster Consulting is woman-owned and a Texas HUB Corporation.