

**FOUR CORNERS EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE
DECEMBER 2006**

SPEAKERS

Reverend Dr. David W. Hockensmith, Jr.
Executive Director, Council of Churches of the Ozarks

The Rev. Dr. David Hockensmith is a Missouri native who grew up in Nodaway County. He graduated from Northwest Missouri State, holds two masters degrees and earned his Doctor of Ministry degree from Drew University.

Before joining the Council of Churches in December, 2001, Dave has served as a pastor, active duty military chaplain, university church relations and development officer and four fourteen years as senior minister of an Oklahoma City congregation. He retired in June, 2006 with 31 years of active and reserve military service. Colonel Hockensmith's final assignment was as State Chaplain for the Oklahoma National Guard.

He was heavily involved in the aftermath of the bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in 1995 and has been instrumental in providing spiritual care in several tornado and hurricane relief situations since that time.

Dave and his spouse Julie have three grown children, four grandchildren and one dog, Rico. They reside in Springfield.

Danny R. Hay

Academic Preparation:

Masters in Administration, Wichita State University, Wichita, Kansas

Concentrations: Decision making at management level and conflict resolution in the work place.

Bachelors in Criminal Justice, Washburn University, Topeka, Kansas

Concentrations: Core classes with emphasis on psychology

Work Experience:

State of Kansas, Adjutant General's Department, Division of Emergency Management, Homeland Security (February 2006 to Present)

Responsibility: Operations Branch Chief for Kansas Division of Emergency Management

State of Kansas, Adjutant General's Department, Division of Emergency Management, Homeland Security (October 2004 to February 2006)

Responsibility: Critical Infrastructure Coordinator, work with and assign teams to do vulnerability assessments of the State's Critical Infrastructure

Topeka Police Department, over 27 years experience as a police officer with over 17 years as an investigator and supervisor.

Responsibility: The last 5 years I supervised a White Collar Crimes Unit that dealt with primarily financial crimes. (July 15, 1977 – February 1, 2004) Retired.

Kansas Army National Guard, Over 25 years of Active and Guard time as an officer.

Responsibility: Battalion Commander on active duty doing force protection missions within the United States and throughout Europe. (October 27, 1973 – December 27, 2003) Retired.

Linda Soos-Davis
Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management
Office of Volunteerism, Human Services Division

Linda holds a Masters degree from the University of Oklahoma in Therapeutic Recreation. Also, two Bachelor degrees from Oklahoma College of Liberal Arts in Vocation and General Home Economics. She has been awarded an Honorary Ph.D. in Philosophy in Life Experience. With this honorary degree, she finally became Dr. Soos.

Since 1994, she has been the Director of the State office of Volunteerism, which was part of the Oklahoma Secretary of State Office for two years and was legislative moved to the Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management (ODCEM) in July 1996. She supervises the Donation/Volunteer management, Individual Assistance and human services programs at OCDEM. Recently, she has become the OCDEM staff liaison for the State Citizen's Corp/CERT program.

Her other work experiences include fifteen years with the Salvation Army, serving as Director; Public Relations/Grants Management, Executive Director; Senior Citizens Program, Job Development Specialist; Project Ayuda, and Director; Andrews Square Senior Citizens Center.

She has worked as an adjunct professor and program specialist at Oklahoma City Community College.

She began her career, as a Disaster/Service to Military Families caseworker with the American Red Cross. This was during the Vietnam War era, as well as working Hurricane Camille and Hurricane Agnes.

An avid volunteer, her first remembered volunteer activity was at the age of four when she and her mother knocked on doors to collect for the March of Dimes.

She has three children, eight grandchildren and four dogs, Ethan, Chucky, Tazamoto and Stormin' Norman.

Ida B. Esh't
Executive Director
Arkansas Governor's Commission on People with Disabilities

- Governor appointed to the Arkansas Governor's Commission on People with Disabilities
- Secretary, 2000 – present
- CLEO Ambassador, Washington, D.C., 2002 – present
- Founder and Executive Director, Ms. Wheelchair Arkansas, 2000
- Established Arkansas State University Task Force for Employees with disabilities. Coordinator, April 2000 – 2004
- Designed Arkansas State University disAbility Etiquette Training Seminars and trained administration, faculty and staff, 2001
- Created and designed Arkansas State University Wheelchair Accessible Office concept, 1999
- Designed an after-school Christian program for children
- Coordinator, 1997

Community Service

- Counselor, Youth Leadership Forum, Governor's Commission on People with Disabilities, Little Rock, AR
- Member, Barrier Busters, 2002 – 2003

Educational Background

- Arkansas State University, 1999 – present
- Catonsville Community College, Baltimore, MD, Graduated with honors
- Gallaudet University, Washington, D.C., 1991
- Sinclair Community College, Dayton, OH, 1982 – 1985
- Clark Technical College, Springfield, OH, 1980

Dante Gliniecki
Statewide Volunteer Coordinator
Missouri State Emergency Management Agency

1995 – 2006, Missouri State Emergency Agency
Statewide Volunteer Coordinator

Responsibilities include:

- 1) support for the Missouri Disaster Recovery Partnership, Missouri Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters (MOVOAD), Citizens Corps and various human services related programs and partners,
- 2) coordinating and strengthening voluntary agency response to disasters in Missouri while strengthening the partnership between the public and private sectors,
- 3) supporting the Missouri Special Needs Populations Task Force.

Pre – 1995, American Red Cross
Disaster Services Coordinator

Education – B.S. in Business, University of Kansas