

Biographies

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Edward A. Thomas is employed by the Michael Baker Jr., Inc., an Engineering Corporation, working on the development of partnerships to better map natural and man-made hazards in the United States.

Ed retired from the Department of Homeland Security-Federal Emergency Management Agency after nearly thirty-five years of Public Service. During his time in government, he worked primarily in Disaster Mitigation, Preparedness and Response. He also was involved in the construction and management of housing developments for the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Ed worked on about two hundred disasters and emergencies, serving as the President's on scene representative, the Federal Coordinating Officer, dozens of times.

Ed is an Attorney, a frequent lecturer on Emergency Management issues, especially the Constitutional and Legal Aspects of Floodplain Regulations. He has authored dozens of publications and articles on various Disaster related issues and regularly participates as a member of National Task Forces and other boards in developing National disaster-related and floodplain management policies. A list of Ed's publications available on the internet is available on request.

Ed has received numerous national and international awards including the nation's highest award for Floodplain Management: The Goddard-White Award from the Association of State Floodplain Managers. In addition he received the Gulf of Maine Visionary Award from the Gulf of Maine Council, a joint United States-Canadian organization for his efforts in helping develop the StormSmart Coasts Program.

Attorney Thomas is the Chair of the newly formed Hazards and Land Use Planning Subcommittee of the Land use Planning and Zoning Committee, American Bar Association Section of State and Local Government Law. He is Vice President of the National Hazard Mitigation Association. Ed also serves on the Advisory Board of the Natural Hazards Center of the University of Colorado and on the Board of the Association of State Floodplain Managers.

He lives with his wife in the floodplain of beautiful Marina Bay in Quincy, Massachusetts.