



Oregon Federal Executive Board

Farley Jay Howell **Executive Director**



Farley Jay Howell joined the Oregon Federal Executive Board in April of 2016. Mr. Howell supports the Policy Committee of the Oregon Federal Executive Board (OFEB) which sets goals and priorities based upon the common interests and needs of the local federal agencies. The Policy Committee serves as a communications and networking forum for member agency leaders – a place where executives build relationships with colleagues and strengthen partnerships with fellow agencies. Reporting directly to the Policy Committee are the OFEB Executive Director and staff, the Local Federal Coordinating Committee of the Combined Federal Campaign, the Crises Continuity Coalition, Shared Neutrals Program, and the Training Council.

Prior to coming to Oregon, Mr. Howell served for 13 years as Federal Preparedness Coordinator and Director of the National Preparedness Division for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Region IX office in Oakland, CA. In that role, he led that Region’s preparedness efforts, facilitated threat assessments and capability estimation, represented the Regional Administrator as the principal advocate for preparedness activities, and oversaw Whole Community engagement. In addition, he promoted Presidential Policy Directive – 8 (National Preparedness), serving as the regional focal point for the National Preparedness Goal, National Preparedness System, National Planning Frameworks, and National Incident Management System,

While at FEMA, Mr. Howell administered Hazardous Materials, Continuity of Operations, Tribal Outreach, and Individual and Community Preparedness Programs, plus engaged in training, exercise and evaluation activities. Mr. Howell provided direct oversight of the Radiological Emergency Preparedness Program and programmatically served as a consultant for the Region IX Grants Division on Homeland Security, Emergency Management Performance, Regional Catastrophic Preparedness, Emergency Operations Center, Tribal Homeland Security, and Fire Assistance Grants.

Mr. Howell was detailed as Acting Deputy Regional Administrator from March 2014 through August 2015. In that capacity, he oversaw federal emergency management policies and programs in Arizona, California, Hawaii and Nevada, the territories of American Samoa and Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, and the Republic of the Marshall Islands

Prior to joining Region IX, Mr. Howell served more than 25 years in the U.S. Air Force, where he commanded multiple medical squadrons and hospitals. His last assignment was as Chief of Air Force Space Command’s Medical Support Division and Command Nurse at Peterson Air Force Base in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Mr. Howell attended the Industrial College of the Armed Forces at the National Defense University, Ft. Leslie J. McNair in Washington, D.C., where he earned a Master of Arts Degree in National Resource Strategy. Additionally, he has a Master of Science Degree in Nursing from Oregon Health Sciences University. He is recognized as a Certified Emergency Manager through the International Association of Emergency Managers.