



David W. Wade

David Wade is the Harris County, Texas, Industrial Liaison for the Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Management. David retired from Du Pont in 2003 after 25 years in Production and Emergency Response.

David became Harris County's first Industrial Liaison in December of 2004 and is assigned to the Harris County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, under the direction of Harris County Judge Ed Emmett. As the Industrial Liaison, David partners with Industry along the nation's 2nd largest port, as well as other industries in Harris County, to assist with all-hazards emergency planning, security, and emergency communications during large-scale incidents. He was also instrumental in developing and managing the Nation's first Industry Essential Personnel Credentialing System and the East Harris County Manufacturers' Association (EHCMA) Hurricane Status Reporting System. As Industrial Liaison, David also participates on the EHCMA Security Committee, Area Maritime Security Council, Anti-Terrorism Advisory Council for the Southern District of Texas, and the Capt. of the Port's Port Coordination Team, just to name a few.

In 2005, David served as the Deputy Area Commander of Night Operations for the Katrina Sheltering Operations at Reliant Park in Houston, where more than 28,000 Katrina evacuees sought refuge for 21 days. Reliant Park became the in-processing center for the State of Texas where more than 68,000 other evacuees were processed prior to being transported to other Red Cross and Faith-Based shelters across Texas. He is also a charter member of the State's San Jacinto Type III All-Hazards Incident Management Team, a team of specially trained incident managers who deploy on large-scale incidents across the State of Texas at the request of the Texas Division of Emergency Management.

Within hours after the eye of Hurricane Ike passed over Houston, David left his position at the Harris County Emergency Operations Center and was "boots-on-the-ground" in the Houston Ship Channel area to assist industry with re-entry and to begin assessments for industrial hazards, accessibility to industrial facilities, and routes of commerce issues. David participated in the development and staffing of industry's first Industry Operations Center, established to assist with industry-related communications, restoration of industrial utilities, emergency response, and coordination with Harris County Officials and local city governments.

David is involved in several local, State, and national conferences, serving on steering committees, and has been a guest speaker for, the National Hurricane Conference, Texas Hurricane Conference, HotZone Conference, the Industrial Fire, Safety, and Security Conference, "Eco-Friendly Green Park" International Conference, Tianjin, China, and most recently, the Clean Gulf Conference.

David is a 38-year member of the Deer Park Volunteer Fire Department where he has served as Safety Officer since 1995. He is also active in the Harris County, Gulf Coast, and Tri-Rivers Fire Fighters' Associations. David is a Past President of the State Firemen's and Fire Marshals' Association of Texas (2013), Past Chairman for the Channel Industry Mutual Aid organization (2015), considered the world's largest industrial emergency response mutual aid organization, and is on the Board of Directors for the State of Texas Fire Museum in Beaumont, Texas.