

# **GM 732**

**Submitting for consideration and confirmation to  
the Civil Defense Advisory Council, Gubernatorial  
Nominee, SHELDON LEHMAN, for a term to  
expire 6-30-2017.**

STATE OF HAWAII  
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR MESSAGE 732  
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO  
THE CIVIL DEFENSE ADVISORY COUNCIL, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE,  
SHELDON LEHMAN FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2017

PRESENTATION TO THE  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL  
AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

BY

MAJOR GENERAL DARRYLL D. M. WONG  
ADJUTANT GENERAL  
April 11, 2013

Chair Espero, Vice Chair Baker, and Members of the Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs:

I am Major General Darryll D. M. Wong, Director of State Civil Defense State Department of Defense. I am providing written testimony in support of GM 732, which considers and confirms Mr. Sheldon Lehman to the Civil Defense Advisory Council.

State Civil Defense **supports** the nomination of Mr. Lehman to serve as a member of the Civil Defense Advisory Board.

Mr. Sheldon Lehman has a broad background in supporting emergency or consequence management efforts. As the owner-operator of Wendin Sheldon & Company, he worked with Hawaii County Civil Defense to move homes during lava emergencies. He is the island supervisor for Marine Spill Response Corporation (MSRC), a company who has performed oil spill and hazardous materials clean ups in the county. He is the captain of the Hawaii County Volunteer Fire Department 5Bravo, and has completed the HAZMAT and other National Incident Management System (NIMS) courses. Mr. Lehman will be a valuable asset on the Civil Defense Advisory Council.

We urge your committee to recommend Senate confirmation on the appointment of Mr. Sheldon Lehman to a term as a member of the Civil Defense Advisory Council.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony in **support** of this gubernatorial nomination.

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PRESENTATION TO THE  
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BY

MR. DOUG MAYNE  
VICE DIRECTOR OF STATE CIVIL DEFENSE  
April 11, 2013

Chair Espero, Vice Chair Baker, and Members of the Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs.

I am Doug Mayne, Vice Director of State Civil Defense. I am providing written testimony in **support** of GM 732 to confirm Mr. Sheldon Lehman to the Civil Defense Advisory Council.

Mr. Lehman's consequence management background will be an important additional the Civil Defense Advisory Council. His companies have worked closely with Hawaii County Civil Defense during emergencies over the years. He is the captain of the Hawaii County Volunteer Fire Department 5Bravo. He has completed the HAZMAT and other National Incident Management System (NIMS) courses. Mr. Lehman's background and experiences can only benefit the Civil Defense Advisory Council.

I ask your committee to confirm Mr. Sheldon Lehman to a term as a member of the Civil Defense Advisory Council.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony in **support** of Mr. Lehman.

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**GM732**

Submitted on: 4/10/2013

Testimony for PSM on Apr 11, 2013 14:45PM in Conference Room 224

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
William F. Anonsen	Civil Defense Advisory Council	Support	No

Comments: Respectfully offer this testimony in support as Chair of the Civil Defense Advisory Council

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April 11, 2012

**Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs**

Chair Sen. Espero, Vice Chair Sen. Baker and Committee Members

Public Hearing, April 11, 2013, 2:45 p.m., Conference Room 224, State Capitol

**TESTIMONY OF WILLIAM F. ANONSEN**  
**IN SUPPORT OF G.M. NO. 732**  
**GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE SHELDON LEHMAN TO THE**  
**CIVIL DEFENSE ADVISORY COUNCIL**

My name is William F. Anonsen, the Managing Partner/Principal of The Maritime Group, and chair of the Civil Defense Advisory Council. I would like to express my support for consideration the confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee, Sheldon Lehman to the Civil Defense Advisory Board for a term to expire June 30, 2017.

Mr. Lehman will be a welcome addition to our Civil Defense Advisory Council to ensure a full complement of council members with a vacancy that is effective June 30, 2013. His background in emergency management, fire sciences and his years of professional first responder service to Hawaii County Civil Defense on the front line will be a great asset to the council.

As chair of the council and as concerned private citizen and business owner, I humbly ask the PSM committee for its favorable consideration for his confirmation.

*Mahalo for the opportunity to provide written testimony in support of Mr. Lehman*

Sincerely,

*William F. Anonsen*

William F. Anonsen  
Managing Partner/Principal

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Submitted on: 4/9/2013

Testimony for PSM on Apr 11, 2013 14:45PM in Conference Room 224

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
William	President, EAA Hilo Chapter 1182	Support	No

Comments: RE; Civil Defense Advisory Council. I recommend Sheldon Lehman be confirmed as a member of the Civil Defense Advisory Council. Sheldon knows the Island of Hawaii and the State and is a very competent problem solver. William J. Phillips Jr., Major, USAF Retired,,: President Experimental Aircraft Association Hilo Chapter 1182 and resident of Hilo since 1978.

**GM732**

Submitted on: 4/4/2013

Testimony for PSM on Apr 11, 2013 14:45PM in Conference Room 224

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Michael Shewmaker	Individual	Support	No

Testimony

GM732

Re: Sheldon Lehman Confirmation  
Civil Defense Advisory Council

To whom it may concern:

I have known Sheldon Lehman for approximately ten years both in connection with his business as a welder and in his role with the Marine Spill Response Corporation.

To my knowledge Mr. Lehman has been a very responsible individual with a good heart. He is dedicated, knowledgeable and willing to take on difficult tasks when they are presented to him. I believe he would serve the state well as our representative on the Civil Defense Advisory Council.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Michael Shewmaker  
Hilo

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**From:** Rick Decker [rickdecker@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 03, 2013 9:48 PM  
**To:** PSMTestimony  
**Subject:** Sheldon Lehman GM 732

To Whom It May Concern:

My wife and I have known Sheldon Lehman for many years. He has extensive civil defense experience and a strong knowledge of the Island, its geography and its culture. He is used to working in a team environment and works well in it.

We highly recommend that you confirm his nomination for membership on the Civil Defense Advisory Council.

Sincerely

Rick & Amy Decker  
Silver Oaks Ranch  
Kailua Kona Hawaii



**From:** Stephen Smith [mailto:amygdala1881@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 04, 2013 11:12 PM  
**To:** PSMTestimony  
**Subject:** GM 732 Civil Defense Advisory Council testimonial

Aloha,

I am writing in regards to the nomination of Sheldon Lehman a member of the Civil Defense Advisory Council.

I have known Sheldon for a number of years and have been quite impressed with his commitment to the land and the community, as well as his intelligence and strong work ethic. In my opinion he would be an excellent choice for this position.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Stephen M. Smith

From: leem044@hawaii.rr.com [mailto:leem044@hawaii.rr.com]  
Sent: Friday, April 05, 2013 5:33 AM  
To: PSMTestimony  
Subject: Sheldon Lehman

Aloha Senators

Sheldon Lehman will do a great service for the State of Hawaii as a member of the Civil Defense Advisory Council. Sheldon truly cares about the safety of his neighbors, his community, and all of the people of this state.

Since Sheldon became our neighbor, we've had several flash flood warnings, two tsunami watches, and a hurricane watch. Our neighbor Sheldon had a detailed emergency plan, well in advance, for every threat. He makes our family and the people in our neighborhood feel safe.

Sheldon is the type of person that doesn't need to be asked for help. Sheldon will help anyone, anywhere, at any time, in any situation, automatically. Sheldon Lehman genuinely cares about people and I am confident that he will serve the State of Hawaii well.

Mahalo

Mark Lee

**From:** Lins, Frederick [mailto:lins@stkhi.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 05, 2013 3:10 PM  
**To:** PSMTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in favor of Sheldon Lehman GM 732

As a resident of Hawaii I sincerely highly recommend the appointment of Sheldon Lehmon as a member of the Civil Defense Advisory Board. Sheldon, a man who refuses to accept the phrase "IT CAN'T BE DONE", has amazed "big islanders" over the years with his multifaceted talents and his willingness to help others. I personally asked him to look out for my son when he moved to the big island and Sheldon provided advice, assistance in need, and just valuable companionship. Sheldon's extensive knowledge of the big island, its residents, its culture, and his many years of experience as a volunteer fireman will be of great value to the advisory board.

Aloha - Fred

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GM 732

April 5, 2013

Dear Honorable Senators:

While relocating to the Island of Hawaii in 1990, I was introduced to Sheldon Lehman. I found him to be a likeable guy.

After knowing him for a short while I became more acquainted with his welding, mechanical and social skills, all of which were at the time well developed and still in a state of becoming. A little later it was my privilege to be his Assistant Chief in volunteer fire Company 5-Bravo.

A volunteer fire company is an ideal place to apply – and observe – what it takes to be both an effective leader and an effective team-player; Sheldon demonstrated his expertise in both these attributes along with a common-sense wisdom for dealing with unique situations within a specific emergency scenario. These qualities, combined with his awareness of and compassion toward the tribulations of others, make him an ideal candidate for a set on the Civil Defense Advisory Council. He would get my vote for sure!

Sincerely yours,  
Jason Wineinger

GM 732

April 3, 2013

To the Honorable Members of the Hawaii State Senate

I have known Mr. Sheldon Lehman since 1992 and would like to recommend him for the Civil Defense Advisory Council appointee position due to his extensive background in volunteer community service and other professional work beginning with his volunteer work as the Fire Chief of 5B from Hawaiian Acres.

They responded to fires in the neighboring subdivision of Fern Acres and other places in addition to Hawaiian Acres and were usually the first unit on the scene; this saved numerous homes and possibly lives and also brought numerous forest fires under control.

Mr. Lehman advised us on administrative issues for the Fern Acres Volunteer Fire Dept.

Sheldon Lehman is the emergency HAZMAT responder crew chief for oil spills in Hilo Harbor and other related accidents to avoid or contain an environmental threat.

Sheldon Lehman was involved in the cleanup of the Gulf of Mexico BP oil spill for a period of several months, overseeing hundreds of workers in cleanup and recovery operations. This also involved direct coordination with the US Coast Guard and other federal, state and local agencies.

Sheldon has been in charge of coordinating units with law enforcement, medical, civil defense, environmental and civilian.

He has shown his ability to work with and has an understanding of the various agencies and units that are involved from a small to a very large emergency. Although the situation has not occurred to require his coordination with a full military unit in a defense situation I believe his military family upbringing has prepared him should the situation arise.

Respectfully

James Tatar  
Retired  
Building Management Specialist  
General Services Administration

**GM732**

Submitted on: 4/7/2013

Testimony for PSM on Apr 11, 2013 14:45PM in Conference Room 224

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
cyrus faryar	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am pleased to offer my wholehearted support to the confirmation of Sheldon Lehman, whose person, capabilities and ever ready inclination to offer help to anyone, anywhere at any time, I profoundly admire and appreciate. Thank you for considering him.

April 7, 2013

RE: Testimonial for Sheldon Lehman GM 732

I have known and been neighbors with Sheldon Lehman since the late 1970s. In those 35+ years Sheldon has always been active in community service. Sheldon has been the primary road grader in his community as long as I can remember and has held various offices in our Community Association. He has been involved in and the Chief of our Volunteer Fire Fighters for many years.

Sheldon is a great friend. He is the type of friend that you can call and count on day or night to give assistance. If he can't help you with your problem, he usually knows someone who can. He is a great choice for the Civil Defense Team.

Thank you for allowing me to give this testimonial for Sheldon.

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**To:** PSMTestimony  
**Subject:** GM 732

**Aloha. I would like to submit testimony in support of Sheldon Lehman's nomination by Governor Abercrombie to become a member of the Civil Defense Advisory Council. I have known and worked with Sheldon on film production projects many times over the past six years. Sheldon is one of The Big Island's premier film technicians, and is arguably at the top of the class when it comes to film special effects and mechanical engineering. He is always prepared, enthusiastic, friendly, and results driven. I know the world of Hollywood film making, and Sheldon can hold his own at any level. In my work with the County of Hawaii, I also know a little about the role and function of Civil Defense, and I believe Sheldon would be an exemplary asset to that government office as well. I hope you will give his nomination every consideration.**

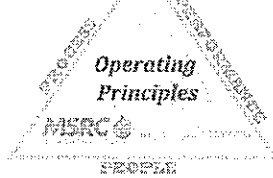
**Thank you for allowing me to submit testimony,**

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Marine Spill Response Corporation  
179 Sand Island Access Road  
Honolulu, Hawaii, 96819



Saturday, March 30, 2013

Dear Senators,

I am writing to you as a personal friend and business associate of Mr. Sheldon Lehman who is subject to confirmation of his appointment by Governor Abercrombie to the position on the Civil Defense Advisory Council.

I have known Mr. Lehman for over 20 years and support his nomination for the position.

Over the years he has shown me to be a person of great innovation, high integrity and solid moral character. He has consistently provided me with confidence in his ability to do anything he said he could do. Sheldon has been a proactive response partner in the prevention and protection of oil spills in the waters surrounding our beautiful State of Hawaii.

It is my opinion that the Department and the State of Hawaii would truly benefit from the appointment of Mr. Lehman to this position.

Thank you for the opportunity to recommend this fine citizen,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Seldenright". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J".

John Seldenright  
Response Supervisor-MSRC Hawaii

808 847-8144

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Clayton Hale	Individual	Support	No

Comments: To: Honorable Will Espero and members of Senate Committee On Public Safety  
Testimony by Clayton Hale in favor of GM 732 I have had the opportunity to observe Sheldon Lehman at work in his huge workshop in Hawaiian Acres, on set making props for the movie "The Tempest", and at his new home. I have also had the opportunity to work with him on a community organization committee. I could list a multitude of qualities that would apply to this outstanding human but two qualities that he has exhibited stand out for me. The first is his problem solving abilities. I have witnessed him run into problems on a job which he not only would find a swift practical solution; but then, he would stop and look for an even better solution. He is always looking for a better way to do something. The second outstanding quality Mr. Lehman has, that has impressed me, is his compassion for others. While working on a committee with him I have heard him argue for the rights of others, even though their interests were not aligned with his. I can't help but believe that Sheldon Lehman to would be a outstanding asset to the Civil Defense Advisory Council.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Laurie Saarinen	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: April 10, 2013 Aloha, I want to endorse Sheldon Lehman to be a member of the Civil Defense Advisory Council. I have known Mr. Lehman for about 20 years, as a friend & neighbor. I have also known him through my work as Office Manager of Hawaiian Acres Community Association (1999-2008). He has been the Volunteer Fire Department's Chief for HACA for many years. I sincerely believe that he would be a tremendous asset to us as to this Council. Please confirm Governor Abercrombie's nomination of Sheldon Lehman. Aloha, Laurie Saarinen LKS Services, Bookkeeping & Payroll PO Box 163 Kurtistown, HI 96760 808-937-5442

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Greg Christopherson	Individual	Support	No

Subject: LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION FOR MR. SHELDON LEHMAN  
APPOINTMENT TO CIVIL DEFENSE ADVISORY COUNCIL (GM732)

I have known Mr. Lehman on a professional and personal level for 15 years and was thrilled to learn of his appointment by Governor Abercrombie to the Civil Defense Council.

As long as I have known him, Mr. Lehman has been an active volunteer, participant and leader in his community including volunteer fire chief among many other high- energy civil service activities.

His superb professionalism, intellect and can-do attitude coupled with his boundless energy make him an ideal candidate for this very important position.

Captain Greg Christopherson  
United States Merchant Marine (Ret)

## **GM732**

### Civil Defense Advisory Council

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Civil Defense Advisory Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, SHELDON LEHMAN, for a term to expire 6-30-2017.

### Testimony - April 9, 2013

My name is Marilyn Haymore. I moved to the Big Island in 1980 and have known Sheldon Lehman since that time. Over the years I have been involved with a number of community organizations with the objective of contributing to the betterment of our community.

I know Sheldon as a friend and neighbor. I'm certain Sheldon's resume is clear testimony to his passion and dedication for the community, his skill and competency, his leadership ability, his creativity and resourcefulness, his understanding of emergency procedures and his ability to make usable decisions quickly under challenging conditions. He is honest and always hard working. We who live in Sheldon's community are fortunate in deed.

Sheldon Lehman is a *perfect* candidate to be a member on the Civil Defense Advisory Council. It's easy to suggest we could bet our lives on this choice!

Thank you for this opportunity to testify for Sheldon Lehman.

Sincerely,  
Marilyn Haymore

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**From:** Kaiali'i Kahele [kahelek@gmail.com]  
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Reference GM 732

Please see attached support for Mr. Sheldon Lehman.

Mahalo,

Kai Kahele

April 9th 2013

The Honorable Donna Mercado Kim  
President, Hawai'i State Senate  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, HI, 96813

Re: Confirmation for Mr. Sheldon Lehman to the Civil Defense Advisory Council

Dear President Kim and members of the Hawai'i State Senate,

Thank you for the opportunity to present my support for the confirmation of Mr. Sheldon Lehman to the Civil Defense Advisory Council.

I have had the privilege of knowing Sheldon for a few years and have found him to be an outstanding individual and a contributing member to the Hawai'i Island community.

His experience as an active volunteer member of the "CO. Five Bravo" Hawaiian Acres Fire Department Community Association will no doubt compliment the current members serving on the advisory council. I feel extremely confident Sheldon will serve our State and its residents to its highest capacity.

I recommend his confirmation by the Hawai'i State Senate without any reservation.

Mahalo,

Kaiali'i Kahele  
Hilo Resident

## JOY A. SAN BUENAVENTURA

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February 12, 2013

The Honorable Donna Mercado Kim  
President, Hawai'i State Senate  
State Capitol  
415 So. Beretania St.  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: Confirmation of Sheldon Lehman for the Civil Defense Advisory Council

Dear Senate President Kim and the Members of the State Senate:

I proudly support Sheldon Lehman as a member of the Civil Defense Advisory Council. When I first heard of Sheldon Lehman, I was told that he was the unofficial mayor of the Hawaiian Acres subdivision. Sure enough, after I have met him, I have personally witnessed neighbors and people living in the subdivision reporting to him of burglaries, thefts and various pilikia in the subdivision even though he was not a president of the community association. In a community where some people have grown to distrust authority and the police, these people trusted him. In turn, if he can solve the problem by reaching out to the offending party, he does; or he warns the community of the problems and when necessary have reported or advised the people to report to the necessary authority. There are people in the community who have even asked him to preside over funerals and marriages even though he is not affiliated with any major religion because they could not find a priest or pastor who would officiate. It is because of these requests that he acquired a license to marry people legally.

I have known Sheldon Lehman for over 10 years. I have seen him leave parties to report and fight fires as a volunteer. I have even witnessed him rescue a young mother in distress when she was being hit by her out-of-control special-needs child who was overstimulated by the noise and crowd at a hoolaulea. Everyone else in the crowd was oblivious to her predicament and it was only when Sheldon tried to hold back the child, who was then undergoing a seizure, that others came in to help.

Rescuing people and responding to emergencies are second nature to Sheldon Lehman. Others who have known Mr. Lehman for a short time have treated him with respect. It is his ability and know-how that British Petroleum and the Louisiana Coast Guard accorded him the authority of being second-in-command in the St. Mary Parish during the BP oil spill clean-up; which is unheard of for a non-BP, non-Louisiana, Hawaii Island resident to be tasked with such authority.

You will not regret confirming Sheldon Lehman to this post.

Sincerely,  
Joy A. San Buenaventura



Senator Will Espero  
Chair, Senate Committee on Public Safety,  
Intergovernmental and Military Affairs

Dear Senator:

Thank you for your letter of April 4, 2013. Civil Defense is very important here in Hawai'i because it not only deals with our State's emergency response to threats of war and attacks on our state but also with natural disasters such as tsunamis, hurricanes, and volcanic eruptions. I feel that I can make a unique contribution to the Civil Defense Advisory Council based upon my experience, talent and ability.

I have been chief of the volunteer fire department 5B since 1990 and have responded to numerous emergencies in that role. I am the Hawaii Island supervisor for Marine Spill Response Corporation ("MSRC") and Pacific Environmental Company ("PENCO"). In this role, I supervise all emergencies on water such as oil spills on the Island of Hawaii. I was also involved in a leadership capacity in the clean up of the largest water oil spill in the US: the British Petroleum Oil Spill in the gulf.

During the British Petroleum gulf oil spill, I responded to Louisiana and took on the role of Field Contractor Administrator. I administered all contracts between BP and the independent contractors on my base and worked very closely with the US Coast Guard and National Guard.

I have extensive Incident Command System ("ICS") training and have worked with most agencies involved with ICS including the fire department, federal parks, Coast Guard, US Army and the National Guard.

I am also mindful of the original role of Civil Defense in preparedness in times of war which is especially relevant now with North Korea's threats of war and Hawaii being within the range of its missiles. Although I have never served in the military, I was raised by a military officer. My father is retired Naval Commander Melvin E. Lehman and he taught me the responsibilities and respect due to the service. I am also proud of my son who served in the National Guard.

Public service is in my blood. I did not wait for the county or the State to provide a fire station to Mountain View; instead I helped start the Hawaiian Acres volunteer fire department and helped other communities start their own volunteer fire stations. During a mother's day brunch at Kilauea Lodge in the 1990's, I lept over dining tables to reach a woman choking on her food and performed a Heimlich maneuver. In 2007 or 2008, at

the Hilo Hoolaulea, I helped a small mother who was struggling against the strength of her own teenage special needs child who was overstimulated with the noise before the emergency personnel was alerted to the situation.

I own and run a small business, Weldin Sheldon & Co. Primarily doing welding, fabrication, bulldozing, road grading, crane work and equipment repair. I have been in charge of many large jobs but also know how to be a team player and work with people in all aspects.

With my experience working with small personal emergencies and the large bureaucratic behemoth of the BP gulf oil spill and the various agencies and business involved, I am uniquely qualified to see the perspective of all agencies and people who deal with Civil Defense and can provide perspective as to how Civil Defense can be more effective in dealing with all these agencies and people.

I do not foresee any conflict of interest. Enclosed is my resume.

Sincerely  
