



NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD
Investigative Hearing

Norfolk Southern Railway general merchandise freight train 32N
derailment with subsequent hazardous material release and fires,
in East Palestine, Ohio, on February 3, 2023

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Agency / Organization

Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency

Title

Biography of David (Randy) Padfield



David R. Padfield (Randy), Director Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency

Randy Padfield is the Director of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA). Director Padfield has more than 35 years of progressive leadership experience in public safety spanning various roles in the disciplines of fire/rescue services, special operations, Emergency Medical Services (EMS), and emergency management.

Director Padfield previously served as the Deputy Director for Response Operations at PEMA before being appointed to the role of Director of the agency in 2019. Prior to his tenure at PEMA, he was the Director of the Senator John J. Shumaker Public Safety Training Center at Harrisburg Area Community College where he oversaw the development and delivery of training programs for fire, EMS, law enforcement and industry personnel.

Mr. Padfield previously worked as a Critical Care Flight Paramedic, has served on both a regional Incident Management Team (IMT) and the state's All-Hazards Incident Management Team, and is a contract instructor for both the Emergency Management Institute and the National Fire Academy at the National Emergency Training Center, where he teaches courses in special operations management and incident command/management. He is also an original member of Pennsylvania Task Force 1 Urban Search and Rescue (US&R) Team, where he serves as a Task Force Leader and member of the National US&R Incident Support Team which responds to large complex disasters.

Director Padfield has responded to multiple local, regional, state, and national disasters and emergencies in various capacities throughout his career including the scene of the World Trade Center attack on September 11, 2001, hurricanes and floods, and most recently the Champlain Towers South condominium collapse in Surfside, Florida in 2021 and Hurricane Ian in 2022.

Mr. Padfield is a native of St. Clair, Schuylkill County and lives in Cumberland County with his wife and their two children.