

Biography



Norris D. Yarbrough

Norris Yarbrough is Assistant Vice President of Tulane University's Emergency Preparedness and Response program. In this role he is responsible for developing and administering Tulane's all-hazard emergency response program. He is also tasked with working closely with local, state and federal Emergency Operations Center partners to both position Tulane to respond to crisis situations as well as offering assistance and emergency management education to the business and public communities.

Prior to joining Tulane University, Mr. Yarbrough was employed by Ochsner Health System where he served as Assistant Vice President of Emergency Preparedness and Response.

Mr. Yarbrough is certified by the International Association of Emergency Managers and Louisiana Emergency Preparedness Association as an Emergency Manager, considered an expert in the field of emergency management and corporate security programs and a certified Nonviolent Crisis Prevention instructor. He has developed and administered programs for institutions in two states and most recently at Tulane University and Ochsner Health System.

Mr. Yarbrough is certified as a Law Enforcement Active Shooter Response (LASER) instructor and conducts training in active shooter response throughout the state.

He is a graduate of the University of Alabama at Birmingham and is trained as a Homeland Security Medical Executive from the University of South Florida. He has also served as a proxy for students in several of Louisiana's universities, including in the emergency preparedness degree programs at Louisiana State University and Tulane University. He is an instructor in Tulane University's Homeland Security degree program.

As a member of various local and state committees and task forces, he actively supports the integration of the private sector with local, state and government responses to disasters.

Mr. Yarbrough served on the Board of Directors for the New Orleans Chapter of the Federal Bureau of Investigation Citizens Academy Alumni Association where he is an active member. He is also an active member in numerous professional organizations, including the International Association of Chiefs of Police, Louisiana Emergency Preparedness Association, International Association of Emergency Managers, American Society of Industrial Security, National Fire Protection Association, and InfraGard. He is frequently sought out and consulted as a leading authority on emergency preparedness and response at the national level.