

The Congressional Fire Services Institute hosts a

PUBLIC SAFETY BRIEFING ON THE FUTURE OF FEMA AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

**Tuesday, January 27, 2009
10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
1539 Longworth House Office Building**

Among the major policy issues facing the 111th Congress is the role of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and whether the agency should remain within the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) or if it should return to being a separate, stand-alone agency. The Congressional Fire Services Institute (CFSI) is hosting a panel of public safety experts to discuss the need for FEMA to remain a robust, core component of the Department's mission to protect the citizens and infrastructure of the nation from all manner of threats.

Panelists:

Kevin O'Connor; Assistant to the General President of the International Association of Fire Fighters and Chair of CFSI's National Advisory Committee

Marko Bourne; Former Director of Policy and Program Analysis for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

Daniel Kaniewski; Counselor for the George Washington University Homeland Security Policy Institute

To RSVP for the briefing please contact Mike Alderfer at (202) 371-1277 or malderfer@cfsi.org.



Established in 1989, the Congressional Fire Services Institute (www.cfsi.org) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan policy institute designed to educate Congress about the needs and challenges facing the entire fire and emergency services. The strength of CFSI is its National Advisory Committee comprised of 42 national fire and emergency services organizations which provides direction and guidance in forming positions on federal legislative and policy initiatives the Institute shares with Congress and the Administration.