



GEORGIA DEPARTMENT  
OF JUVENILE JUSTICE

AVERY D. NILES, COMMISSIONER

## A MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS

### **New DJJ Planning & Preparedness Director Encourages Personal Readiness & Awareness for Staying Safe**

Whether on the job or at home, DJJ's new emergency Planning and Preparedness Director, Scott Cagle, wants YOU to Be Better Prepared for Disasters! The former Hall County Fire Marshall joined the Department of Juvenile Justice Team this month to oversee safety and "all hazards" emergency planning for DJJ's statewide juvenile secure facilities. Governor Nathan Deal has proclaimed September as National Preparedness Month in Georgia and encourages residents to take personal action and get fully prepared.

Director Cagle served 23 years with Hall County Fire Services as Fire Marshal, Deputy Emergency Management Agency Director and Chief of Planning and Preparedness. Now at DJJ as Planning and Preparedness Director, Cagle is sharing important information to help juvenile justice Team members and their families to be better organized in case of an emergency or disaster.

Director Cagle encourages all DJJ employees to visit [Ready.ga.gov](http://Ready.ga.gov) to better prepare their families in the event disaster ever strikes. Cagle says Ready Georgia promotes three key steps to readiness:

1. **.."be informed"** about potential threats and the protective measures to take in emergency situations.
2. **.."make a plan"** for communicating and reconnecting with family members if you are separated during an emergency. And..
3. **.."build a kit"** of emergency supplies that allows you and your family to be self-sufficient for at least 72-hours after a disaster. (Ready Georgia also provides an App for free downloading to your smart devices to help in your preparation.)

Emergency planners for the State of Georgia developed the Ready Georgia preparedness awareness message to encourage all Georgians to take action **now** -- to make a personal plan that includes your community, your family and your pets -- and to organize plans to prevent, protect, respond and recover from hazards that could impact our state or nation. You should plan how to stay safe and how to communicate if a natural or man-made disaster affected your community.

Director Cagle says that during the month of September and throughout the year, all Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice sites are part of the national preparedness action and will continue to cultivate a high regard for safety and security within the agency.

In addition to his many years of firefighting and all-hazards preparedness experience, Director Cagle is personally committed to the success of Georgia's at-risk youth and dedicated to help protect the DJJ Mission. Commissioner Avery D. Niles underscores that Safety and Security still rank as Priority Number One to protect the youth in DJJ care and the professional Staff who help serve them.

#### **SPECIAL NOTE FROM:**

Planning and Preparedness Director Scott Cagle

*"If I can ever assist you with development of preparedness plans for your Division, please do not hesitate to email me at [Scott.cagle@djj.state.ga.us](mailto:Scott.cagle@djj.state.ga.us). I hope to start making my rounds to DJJ facilities across the State very soon."*

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