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**DJJ Adds Emergency Preparedness Director  
Safety & Security Among Commissioner's Top Priorities**

**(DECATUR - GA)** Commissioner Avery D. Niles is pleased to announce a valued addition to the Executive Team of the Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice. As of September 16, 2015, Hall County Fire Marshal Scott Cagle joins the department as DJJ's Director of Planning and Preparedness. In his new capacity, Director Cagle will oversee safety and "all hazards" emergency planning for DJJ's statewide juvenile secure facilities.

"Director Cagle comes to DJJ with a wealth of emergency operations knowledge and a solid foundation in public safety," said Commissioner Niles. "Anyone who knows about my top priorities for managing the Department of Juvenile Justice will tell you that Safety & Security are considered Priority Number One here to protect the youth in our care and the Staff who help serve them. That is why we have brought Director Cagle on board in this important Emergency Planning and Preparedness capacity," the Commissioner said.

"My main goals are to ensure the safety of our youth and staff and to make sure staff feels confident in times of natural or man-made emergencies. I'm looking forward to this opportunity with DJJ I'm honored to be entrusted with this position," said Director Cagle.

Director Cagle served 23 years with Hall County Fire Services before retiring as the Fire Marshal, Deputy Emergency Management Agency (EMA) Director and Chief of Planning and Preparedness. Now his new duties will include providing leadership to DJJ Staff in all phases of emergency preparedness, response, recovery and mitigation and he is positioned as DJJ's primary point of contact with the Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA).

"At a recent Homeland Security Summit, Governor Nathan Deal announced that September is National Preparedness Month in Georgia and made a reminder for residents to have contingency plans in place for whatever the future may hold," said Commissioner Niles. "Director Cagle has had experience managing Emergency Operations Center responses during many types of critical incidents. At DJJ we want his expertise to enhance our response capability as well," the Commissioner said.

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"With my public safety background I'm confident I can make an immediate impact and help fulfill the mission of the Commissioner's priority to operate safe and secure facilities," Cagle said.

Cagles's public safety background includes certifications as a Georgia Peace Officer, Firefighter, and a nationally registered Emergency Medical Technician. In addition to his many years of firefighting and all hazards preparedness experience, Scott Cagle is also proud to be involved in his community and professional associations. He serves as the State Vice-President for District 1 of the Georgia Association of Fire Chiefs and is a Deacon at the Riverbend Baptist Church.

Commissioner Niles welcomes Mr. Cagle to his new responsibilities with the DJJ Executive Team. "I know as a proven leader, Mr. Cagle is committed to the success of Georgia's at-risk youth and will help protect the DJJ Mission," said Commissioner Niles.

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