

## Personnel News February 2010

**Roger Hieb**, programs unit manager, retired Feb. 28 after serving nearly 18 years in the Emergency Management Division (EMD). Maj. Gen. Timothy Lowenberg, Washington Military Department Director, called Hieb “an extraordinary American” based on Hieb’s record of service with the EMD following a quarter century of U.S. Army duty. “When I think of Roger Hieb, I think of commitment, integrity and service,” Lowenberg said at an EMD all-staff ceremony Feb. 25. Hieb started his career in EMD as an exercise and training coordinator in the Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program, He went on to serve as supervisor of the Exercise, Education and Training section and as manager of the Homeland Security section. He was named Preparedness Unit manager in December 2004. EMD Director Jim Mullen described Hieb as a trusted adviser who could provide support at the right time to ensure that the correct and proper decision was made. Hieb told EMD staff that it was “amazing how fast 18 years had gone, adding that he particularly had enjoyed the people and his relationships with them in EMD. As for his retirement, Hieb said his wife, Sandy, was “reviewing my job description” to add duties at home. At a retirement luncheon at the Oakwood Golf and Country Club, Hieb’s EMD career also was recognized with several gifts and stories from programs unit staff members and friends from throughout the state’s emergency management community.

**William David Santhuff** was honored Feb. 26 at an EMD all-staff meeting to recognize his retirement from state service. Santhuff first came to EMD in 2002 to work in the public assistance program in the Nisqually Earthquake Disaster Field Office. Santhuff assisted the state of Virginia’s Hurricane Isabel response as an operations officer under the provisions of the Emergency Management Assistance Compact in 2003. He then moved to the Washington State Department of Licensing to work as a real estate appraiser program manager before returning to EMD in 2007. Santhuff served as a public assistance coordinator for the December 2007 Severe Storms and Floods Disaster. In this role, Santhuff assisted 50 applicants in the preparation of more than 270 project worksheets which resulted in disaster recovery funding of more than \$11.9 million.

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**Laura Goudreau**, EMD logistics program manager, left EMD Feb. 28 to serve in a logistics position with the Federal Emergency Management Agency Region 10 in Bothell. Goudreau was honored with a state service award at an EMD all-staff meeting Feb. 25 for her exemplary service to the state. After joining EMD in 2005, the award said she “crafted the framework for a comprehensive statewide emergency logistics system ensuring emergency logistics commodities, services, processes and procedures serve state local jurisdiction needs.” The award further stated Goudreau had turned the framework into a five-phase action plan and program. She also developed detailed procedures to help the state of Washington improve its ability to participate in the Emergency Management Assistance Compact.

As a result of staff reorganization and state budget reductions, EMD announced several staff positions changes effective Feb. 28. **Sonya Carrasquillo**, secretary senior in the Director’s Office, transferred to the Planning, Analysis and Logistics section in the Planning, Exercise and Training Unit. **Charles Tomala** was appointed to a program coordinator position in the Homeland Security section of the Director’s Office; **Christine Dill** was named to succeed Tomala as the administrative assistant 3 in the Director’s Office. **Dalton Gaboa** was shifted from a secretary senior position in the Programs Section of the Programs Unit to a similar position in the Homeland Security section.

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