

Nancy Dragani, MA
Regional Administrator for FEMA Region 8

Speaker Bio:

Nancy Dragani is the Regional Administrator for FEMA Region 8. Ms. Dragani leads and coordinates all activities in support of FEMA's mission with the states of Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah & Wyoming, as well as the 29 federally recognized tribes within the region.

From July 6 to December 13, 2021, Ms. Dragani served as the Senior Official Performing the Duties of the Deputy Administrator for FEMA.

Prior to joining FEMA, Ms. Dragani worked for the Ohio Emergency Management Agency for 20 years, where she was the Executive Director from 2005 to 2014.

In 2004, Ms. Dragani retired from the Ohio National Guard with 22 years of combined U.S. Army, Army National Guard, and Air National Guard service.

In addition to her roles in state and federal government, Ms. Dragani has served on FEMA's National Advisory Council and the Memorial Institute for the Prevention of Terrorism Advisory Board. She also held the position of President of the National Emergency Management Association (NEMA) from 2008 to 2009 and was the 2014 recipient of NEMA's Lacy E. Suiter Distinguished Service Award, an award given annually to an individual who has made outstanding contributions to emergency management.

Ms. Dragani has a Master of Arts degree from the Naval Postgraduate School's Center for Homeland Defense and Security and a Bachelor of Arts degree from Ohio Dominican College where she graduated Summa Cum Laude.