



### **Matt Stanley**

Born and raised in Atlanta, Georgia, Matt attended Georgia Southern University and studied mass communications. He started career in advertising which led him to Helen, Georgia. While in Helen, Matt served as a volunteer firefighter with the White County Fire Department. Matt's passion for community service motivated him to enter the fire service full time. He joined the Habersham County Fire Department and served as a firefighter, Lieutenant, and Public Information Officer before taking a job with the Georgia Fire Academy in Forsyth. While at the Academy, Matt developed and delivered training curriculum to firefighters from around the State. He coordinated and taught prevention programs as well as firefighting and technical rescue training courses.

In March of 2004, Matt found an opportunity to live in the Coastal Empire again. He joined Savannah Fire & Emergency Services as the Public Information Officer and served the citizens of Savannah for nearly five years as the lead spokesperson on fire safety and firefighting operations in Savannah. The culmination of training and experience in intelligence and information, coupled with a comprehensive understanding of emergency services led Matt to an opportunity with CEMA. He joined the agency in December of 2008 as CEMA's Planner and is looking forward to a long career where he can continue to serve the citizens of the great community.