

NYS DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY & EMERGENCY SERVICES APPOINTMENTS

Jerome M. Hauer has been appointed Commissioner of the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES) and Steven Kuhr has been appointed Executive Deputy Commissioner of DHS&ES. Mr. Kuhr will also serve as Director of the State Office of Emergency Management.

DHS&ES includes the Office of Counterterrorism, Office of Cyber Security, Office of Fire Prevention and Control, Office of Interoperable and Emergency Communications, and the Office of Emergency Management. The Division is responsible for helping to prepare for and respond to terrorism and other man-made and natural disasters.

Mr. Hauer earned his B.A. from New York University in 1976 and his M.H.S. from Johns Hopkins University School of Hygiene and Public Health in 1978 and is currently a doctoral candidate at Cranfield University in the United Kingdom and is expected to complete his degree in December 2011. From 1978 to 1980 Mr. Hauer was an Associate Administrator with the Red Cross Blood Services' Northeast Region, from 1987 to 1989 he was with NYC EMS in executive positions, served as Director of the NYC Office of Emergency Management 1996-2000 and from 2002 to 2003 was the Acting Assistant Secretary for the Office of Public Health Emergency Preparedness at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. During other periods he served in research and consulting positions, most recently as Chief Executive Officer of the Hauer Group.

Steven Kuhr currently serves as President and Chief Operating Officer of Strategic Emergency Group LLC, an emergency management and homeland security consulting firm where he oversees projects for federal, state and local agencies including the New York State Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Services, the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, Office for People with Developmental Disabilities and the U.S. Department of Defense as well as various private sector clients. Prior to joining the private sector, Mr. Kuhr served with the City of New York for 20 years. He was Deputy Director for Operations and Planning for the NYC Office of Emergency Management, where he managed programs for catastrophic disasters, terrorism, severe weather and critical infrastructure failures. He also served as Chief and Division Captain of EMS Special Operations with the New York City Fire Department.