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## **SAFETY AND RISK MANAGEMENT EXPERT JOINS HARRIS COUNTY OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

Houston – Harris County Judge Ed Emmett announced today the appointment of Stephen G. Kastensmidt to the position of Assistant Emergency Management Coordinator of Harris County. Kastensmidt will work under the direction of Mike Montgomery, coordinator of the Harris County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management.

“Harris County is fortunate to have a man with almost thirty years of safety, risk management, and security experience join our team”, said Judge Emmett. “Steve will be a valuable addition to our emergency management operation as we approach the upcoming hurricane season and as we plan for other emergency situations.”

Montgomery added, “Steve has the knowledge and fortitude to enhance all phases of emergency management -- planning, preparation, response, and recovery. His expertise will benefit not only Harris County but the surrounding counties as well.”

Kastensmidt is a Certified Safety Professional (CSP) and Certified Professional Safety and Health Auditor. He is also a Professional Member of the American Society of Safety Engineers. Kastensmidt served as the Unified Area Deputy Incident Commander and Planning Deputy for the Reliant Park Hurricane Katrina Relief Operation.

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