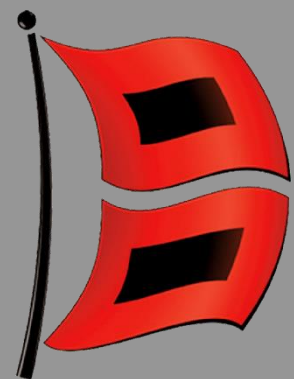


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Anthony (Tony) Puzzilla retired from the federal government in 2009 after forty-three years of distinguished service from 1966-2009. During his government years, the focus of his work was in the fields of disaster preparation, response, and recovery with the Departments of Energy and Homeland Security in affiliation with the Federal Emergency Management Agency. While employed at the Department of Energy, Tony became the Emergency Support Function (ESF) #12 - Energy chair at the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), beginning in early 1980. Prior to an actual FEMA activation, Tony was involved in hurricane tracking and monitoring, as well as daily briefings to high-level personnel at the Department of Energy. When Tony transitioned to the Department of Homeland Security after 9-11-2001, he carried along with him the emergency response duties he already had with FEMA. He was very active in this position until he retired from government service in 2009.

During his tenure in the government sector, Tony became a very active member of the National Hurricane Conference's (NHC) Utilities Topic Committee beginning in 1980. Within a few years of outstanding service on this committee, he became the Committee Chairperson. Eventually, Tony would be appointed to the Planning Committee of the NHC, while maintaining the position of Co-Chair of the Utilities Topic Committee. On April 24, 2019, Tony was awarded the Distinguished Service Award at the 2019 National Hurricane Conference for his "dedicated and long service, from 1980-2009, in supporting the deployment of energy personnel and assets to Presidentially Declared disasters."

**When asked why he chose to serve, his response was simple..."To help those in need."**

