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CHICAGO CITY COUNCIL APPROVES OEMC'S NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Alicia Tate-Nadeau brings vast experiences in national security, emergency management and public safety

City Council today confirmed Mayor Rahm Emanuel's appointment of Alicia Tate-Nadeau as Executive Director of the City's Office of Emergency Management and Communications (OEMC), making her the first female to serve as the department's Executive Director, overseeing the city's 9-1-1 and 3-1-1 call centers, emergency preparedness, planning and public safety efforts.

"As Executive Director, Alicia Tate-Nadeau's leadership and expertise provides a platform for the critical role of the coordination of efforts in keeping our city safe on a daily basis – whether it's responding to severe weather, planning for the many city major events or coordinating the City's agencies in response to emergency situations," said Mayor Rahm Emanuel. "Her dedication and previous public service is a benefit to serving our city in her new role. We are proud to welcome her to Chicago's public safety team."

Tate-Nadeau made history in 2015 by becoming the first female in Illinois' history to be promoted to the position of General. She is the Assistant Adjutant General of the Illinois National Guard and concurrently the Deputy Commanding General, Army National Guard, United States Army Maneuver Support Center of Excellence in Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. Most recently, Tate-Nadeau served as the lead for FEMA's Region V Incident Management Team assisting in the federal response to the water crisis in Michigan.

During her tenure in the military as a General, Tate-Nadeau gained invaluable experience in national security, emergency management and public safety issues, making her uniquely qualified to lead OEMC in today's complex environment, in light of recent events across the country and throughout the world.

As part of her work with the Illinois National Guard, Tate-Nadeau served in Israel from 2011 to 2014, where she planned, coordinated, and conducted emergency management exercises with international partners. While in Israel, she helped oversee the first-ever exercise between the United States, Israel, and Germany regarding Search and Rescue operations in urban areas.

Tate-Nadeau also served in Iraq, where she was stationed from 2005-2006. While in Iraq, Tate-Nadeau advised and assessed military operations, and also worked with the Iraqi population to promote civic engagement with the local and national government. In recognition of her work in

Iraq, Tate-Nadeau was awarded the Bronze Star – one of the highest decorations awarded to members of the United States military.

Tate-Nadeau also played a pivotal role serving in the Weapons of Mass Destruction Domestic Preparedness Division of the Army Reserve Command, helping states prepare for domestic and international threats.

Alicia Tate-Nadeau replaces Gary Schenkel who served as Executive Director of OEMC since 2011.

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