



# City of Philadelphia

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### MAYOR NUTTER CONGRATULATES MARYANN TIERNEY ON APPOINTMENT TO FEDERAL POSITION

*Philadelphia, August 4, 2010* – Today, Mayor Michael A. Nutter accepted the resignation of MaryAnn Tierney as Deputy Managing Director for Emergency Management. Mrs. Tierney is leaving the Office of Emergency Management to accept the position of Regional Administrator for Region III with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). As FEMA Regional Administrator, she will serve as the focal point for coordination, analysis and decision making for all regional emergency preparedness programs. Her resignation is effective Friday, August 13, 2010.

“I would like to thank MaryAnn for her invaluable service to the City of Philadelphia,” said Mayor Nutter. “Philadelphia is now a safer, more secure and more prepared City because of her leadership. I wish her success at FEMA as she takes on the even larger role of preparing our region for emergency situations.”

“I have loved my time working for the City of Philadelphia and am pleased by the great strides the Office of Emergency Management has made to make the City more secure in the event of an emergency. The highly skilled and dedicated public servants in the Office of Emergency Management provide outstanding service to Philadelphia, and it has been a pleasure serving with them,” said MaryAnn Tierney.

During her tenure, Mrs. Tierney oversaw the transformation of the City’s emergency preparedness program. She developed consistent, operational emergency plans and procedures, conducted training and exercises for first responders, built partnerships with the private sectors and community organizations, and created new avenues for the public to prepare for and be informed during emergency situations.

Previously, she served as Assistant Commissioner for Planning and Preparedness in New York City where she oversaw the revision of the City’s Coastal Storm Plan and coordinated the debris operation at the World Trade Center. She also was responsible for New York City’s application for Federal funding to reimburse costs associated with the response to and recovery from 9/11, which totaled over \$4.75 billion. Mrs. Tierney holds a Masters in Public Administration from New York University and a B.A. in political science from American University. She recently completed the Naval Postgraduate School Center for Homeland Defense and Security’s Executive Leaders Program.

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