



**Mr. Jim Butterworth**

**Director, Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency**

Governor Nathan Deal appointed Jim Butterworth Director in January 2015. Mr. Butterworth serves as the Homeland Security Advisor to the Governor and coordinates the state's natural disaster and terror attack preparation, response and recovery.

Mr. Butterworth was commissioned through the Air Force ROTC program at the University of Georgia. He has accumulated more than 11,000 flight hours between his military service, civilian flying and his career as a pilot for Delta Airlines. His military service included assignments at Columbus Air Force Base, Miss., as a T-38 pilot instructor; service at Dover AFB, Del., as a C-5 pilot; and service in Georgia's own 116th Bomb Wing as a B-1B aircraft commander and flight lead.

His public service began in 2004 when he was elected Chairman of the Habersham County Board of Commissioners. He also served as a State Senator representing the 50<sup>th</sup> District in Northeast Georgia. While in the Senate, he served as Chairman and Vice-Chairman of several committees and was appointed Administration Floor Leader for Governor Deal. Additionally, Mr. Butterworth served four years as the Adjutant General of Georgia overseeing the Georgia Department of Defense.

Mr. Butterworth will help shape homeland security measures as an executive board member for the Governors Homeland Security Advisors Council. The council is a national-level forum of expert advisors and works directly with federal agencies to develop homeland security policies and strategies.

Mr. Butterworth earned a Bachelor of Science degree in political science, and was selected to attend the Executive Leaders Program at the Naval Postgraduate School. He is also a Leadership Georgia Fanning Fellow.

Born in Macon, Ga., and raised in Habersham County, Mr. Butterworth and his family attend church in Gainesville, Ga. He and his wife, Amy, have four children.