



Commissioned Officers Association of the U.S. Public Health Service

CAPT Dean J. Coppola, DDS, MPH

Chair of the Board and Dentist Representative



CAPT Dean Coppola is a Dentist by training. He received his Doctor of Dental Surgery from Marquette University School of Dentistry and his Masters in Public Health with honors from the University of South Florida.

CAPT Coppola's career of over 25 years in the U.S. Public Health Service's Commissioned Corps (USPHS) has been one of diversity and advancing progression. The first 10 plus years of his career, he practiced clinical dentistry in the Federal Bureau of Prisons, Indian Health Service and U.S. Coast Guard. His career then took on a different tenor as he has held a number of senior human capital leadership positions in strategic planning, policy, training and operational management in both the Offices of the Surgeon General and Assistant Secretary for Health in the Department of Health and Human Services culminating in his last assignment at Commissioned Corps HQ as the Director of Commissioned Corps

Recruitment. CAPT Coppola then went on to serve as the Deputy Director of the National Children's Study in the National Institutes of Health. Effective July 1 2015 CAPT will serve as the Director of the FDA Commissioned Corps Affairs and concurrently serve as the FDA Agency Liaison.

CAPT Coppola has been formally involved in emergency response for over 19 years. He has served on the Command Staff of the inaugural USPHS Rapid Deployment Force, PHS-1 of which he is currently the Deputy Team Commander. Previously, he was a member of the now retired PHS-1 Disaster Medical Assistance Team for over 11 years. CAPT Coppola has been deployed in over 21 responses in a variety of roles: Dental Officer, ESF-8 DMORT Liaison, Team Leader/Commander, Liaison Officer and Preventive Medicine Officer. Some of the most notable events he has responded to include the NYC World Trade Center, Hurricanes Sandy, Katrina, Ike and the 2004 Florida hurricanes, "Operation Provide Refugee" and Joint Task Force "Operation Pelican" in Belize. Dr. Coppola deployed as the Deputy Team Commander Brookdale Federal Medical Shelter (FMS), Team Commander of an FMS at College Station Texas and as the Officer in Charge (OIC) of the PHS contingent aboard the USS Boxer for Operation Continuing Promise Pacific - 2008. Most recently, he served as the OIC for Monrovia medical Unit Team 3 in Liberia.

Of note, CAPT Coppola has received numerous awards and honors throughout his 27 plus year career. Among them 8 Individual, 22 Units, 18 Service Awards highlighted by Surgeon General's Exemplary Service Medal, 7 Crisis Response Service Awards, the National Emergency Preparedness Award and the Field Medical Readiness Badge. He was also honored by being selected as the USPHS Dental Responder of the Year and USPHS Commissioned Corp's Responder of the Year.

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