

Michael F. Chapman
Director, Missouri Homeland Security

Michael F. Chapman serves Missouri's citizens and Governor Matt Blunt as director of homeland security. In this capacity, he is the governor's principal advisor and overall coordinator for homeland security and all-hazards preparedness for the state.

Mr. Chapman is responsible for coordinating activities to promote unity of effort among federal, state, and local officials, the private sector, and citizen groups in the development of a comprehensive, coherent, and seamless security and preparedness strategy for Missouri.

Moreover, he is the governor's principal liaison with the White House Homeland Security Council, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, and other federal departments and agencies on issues regarding homeland security policy, programs, and resources.

Mr. Chapman has 15 years of experience in national security and foreign policy at the federal level. Before his appointment by the governor in February 2005, he held leadership positions in the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD), where he managed policy issues related to homeland defense, special operations, and international security. Prior to his work in OSD, Mr. Chapman held positions at the State Department, the Joint Staff, and the Navy Department.

Mr. Chapman also served 15 years in the United States Navy as both an active duty and reserve naval flight officer. He accumulated over 1,800 hours of flight time and participated in anti-submarine and patrol operations in the Atlantic, Pacific, and Indian Oceans.

He is a graduate of Virginia Commonwealth University and studied international public policy at the John Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies.

Mr. Chapman is married to the former Cynthia Koller of St. Louis, Missouri and has four children.