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OVERLAND PARK COUNCILMAN TO HEAD FEMA REGIONAL OFFICE

Washington, DC -- Overland Park City Council member Jerome D. Overstreet, has been named director of the Federal Emergency Management Administration's (FEMA) regional office at Kansas City, Sen. Bob Dole announced today.

FEMA is the agency responsible for national preparation for and reaction to major natural, manmade or wartime emergencies. As director of the region VII office - which serves Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska and Iowa - Overstreet will coordinate and implement FEMA programs. The Kansas City office has 35 employees.

"This office plays a very crucial role in our area. We needed someone who is capable and prepared to manage a complex operation at any time. Jerry's appointment is the perfect one, and he has my unqualified support and confidence," said Sen. Dole in making the announcement.

Overstreet, 52, recently retired from the Chimney Division of Pullman Power Products Corp. He began a career in construction in 1959 and has been involved in projects in 25 states, Canada, Mexico and Puerto Rico.

He was first elected to the Overland Park City Council 1979, and served as its president in 1982. He has also been the city representative on a transportation committee of the Mid-America Regional Council and as a member of a fire services coordinating committee for Johnson County.

Overstreet served in the U.S. Air Force prior to attending the University of Florida, where he received a bachelor degree in construction in 1959. He and his wife Sunny are the parents of three children.