



OCTOBER 2024

## HURRICANE EMERGENCY RESPONSE: A LETTER FROM COMPA

On behalf of the Conference of Minority Public Administrators (COMPA), we would like to acknowledge our members and communities that were devastated from Hurricane Francine and Hurricane Helene.

For many along the coast, life will never be the same as family heirlooms and treasures have been washed away. Homes were either destroyed or significantly damaged as both hurricanes were highly intense along the coast. The unprecedented damage caused by the remnants of Hurricane Francine and Hurricane Helene has caused devastating hardship and loss for countless COMPA members and communities along the southern United States.

In the aftermath of Hurricane Francine and Hurricane Helene, as many begin to rebuild their lives, we send our support and positive thoughts to all who were affected.

The American Red Cross is a registered 501 (C)(3) nonprofit organization that provides disaster relief to the individuals, families, and communities affected by any type of disaster, including house fires and multi-state natural disasters. Members or residents impacted by Hurricane Francine or Hurricane Helene may be eligible for recovery assistance. For more information, please call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit <https://www.redcross.org/get-help.html>.

Red Cross Disclaimer: "The American Red Cross is a charity, and we help anyone in need, including non-citizens."

To read the American Red Cross' statement on impartiality, you can visit: <https://www.redcross.org/about-us/our-work/disaster-relief.html>.

Warmly,  
COMPA

# COMPA CONFERENCE



## SAVE THE DATE

Mark your calendars for the annual COMPA conference scheduled for March 9-12, 2025 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana!

## CALL FOR PROPOSALS

"Elevating Public Service Through Public Servants"

For more information, visit

<https://compaspanet.org/call-for-proposals>

Submissions are due by November 24th, 2024



## EDITOR'S CORNER

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As the presidential election draws near, we are experiencing manufactured and harmful disinformation campaigns that seek to flame division and create chaos. For far too long, people in positions of power have utilized harmful actions in effort to maintain their status. Division, lies, and fear are the tools of the weak and the desperate - they work to threaten democracy but also threaten the hope that democracy represents.

As public servants, we uphold & protect democracy with integrity & honor because we value the hope it can bring. When these campaigns of chaos are attempting to dissolve our hope, we must maintain our resolve and be the hope for the younger generations, much like historic leaders did for us.

## DR. DONOVAN L. SEGURA ATTENDS ASPA'S NATIONAL COUNCIL MIDYEAR MEETING IN WASHINGTON, DC.

The meeting brought together ASPA's governing board to discuss policy changes, where ASPA Chapters and Sections stands, strategic initiatives, advancing the organization's strategic direction, and the 2025 Annual Conference.

## COMPA MEMBERSHIP OCTOBER 2024

In May 2024, the membership total was 209. At current, the October 2024 membership is 213.

## COMPA BOARD PLANNING

In August, COMPA Board held a planning meeting to discuss the plan of action to address the strategic priorities of this administration. Some of the items addressed were plans to grow COMPA's membership, the annual conference, the website, the newsletter, branding materials, the journal-JPMSP, civic engagement, COMPA's fiduciary position, as well as keeping COMPA's membership active and engaged throughout the year.

In an effort to enhance participation, during September's monthly board meeting, COMPA's Executive Board affirmed a commitment to keep members actively engaged. Each board member pledged to initiate a National Program for the remainder of this administration.

## COMPA OCTOBER GENERAL BODY MEETING

Monday, October 14, from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. (CST). All members are encouraged to attend. Log in on October 14th @ 10 a.m. using the ZOOM link below to join.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://sus.zoom.us/j/93701679209?pwd=S0JZQnkxV2s3WjV1SmgyNFJQbVM4Zz09>

Meeting ID: 937 0167 9209

Passcode: 202425