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**Harris County Public Health & Environmental Services (HCPHES)
Welcomes New Mosquito Control Director**

Houston, Texas - HCPHES is pleased to announce that Mustapha Debboun, Ph.D., BCE, has joined HCPHES as the new Director of its Mosquito Control Division (MCD) which is responsible for mosquito control and prevention efforts for the Harris County community.

“Dr. Debboun comes to us with a wealth of knowledge in medical entomology as well as extensive leadership experience. He is a leader in every sense of the word and we are pleased to have him join our team,” says Dr. Umair A. Shah, Executive Director of HCPHES.

Dr. Debboun is a board certified medical & veterinary entomologist who retired from the U.S. Army at Fort Sam Houston after 25 years of distinguished service having served in three major military operations. He has a broad knowledge base in public health entomology, prevention of vector-borne diseases, integrated pest management of disease vectors, and protection of the public.

“I am excited to join the strong leadership group at HCPHES, especially at a time when West Nile virus and other mosquito-borne diseases are receiving attention. This is a good time to remind all of us to protect ourselves from disease-carrying mosquitoes by using insect repellent, draining our yards of standing water, and wearing light colored and loose fitting clothes,” says Dr. Debboun.

Dr. Debboun is an expert in the research and development of insect repellents and field soldier personal protective measures and has worked in 25 countries. His expertise has been sought nationally and globally by organizations such as the World Health Organization and U.S. Centers for Disease Control & Prevention and he has co-authored three books in the vector-control field.

For more information about HCPHES and Dr. Debboun including a more detailed biosketch, please visit www.hcpbes.org.

Dr. Debboun will be available for media interviews today from 11:00am-1:00pm at HCPHES MCD located at 3330 Old Spanish Trail, Building D, Houston, Texas, 77021.

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