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Mac McClendon joined Harris County Public Health (HCPH) in November 2005 as the Emergency Management Coordinator. In August 2006 he was named Chief, Office of Public Health Preparedness and in March 2007 was named Director, Office of Public Health Preparedness & Response. McClendon is responsible for the all hazard planning, response and recovery to public health emergencies. He is also experienced in developing and implementing emergency preparedness plans within the all hazards framework and represents Public Health on many local, state and federal planning committees. McClendon also serves as the public health/medical liaison to Harris County Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Management.

McClendon was formerly the Emergency Response Chief for a major chemical manufacturer and has over 30 years' experience in emergency response and management including Fire, Heavy Rescue, Hazardous Materials and EMS. He served as the Safety Officer for the Unified Command, Reliant Park Sheltering Operation, post Hurricane Katrina. He was an original member of the State of Texas and Department of Homeland Security (DSH) Urban Search and Rescue team Texas Task Force One (retired). McClendon is a member of the State of Texas Regional type 3 incident management team.

McClendon is a former chair of the National Association County City Health Officials (NACCHO) Preparedness Policy Advisory Group and is still an active member representing Texas, he is the current chair of the NACCHO Radiation workgroup and currently serves on the Big Cities & Jurisdictions Public Health Preparedness work group. McClendon is also representing NACCHO and public health on the National Homeland Security Consortium. McClendon is the HCPH BioWatch program coordinator and is serving on the DSH Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction Bio Detection 21 concept of operations working group.