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**Commission Chairperson Mark Shriver & FEMA Administrator Craig Fugate featured as National Press Club Luncheon Speakers**

National Commission on Children and Disasters Chairperson Mark Shriver and Federal Emergency Management Agency Administrator Craig Fugate are the featured guest speakers at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C. luncheon on October 5, 2009.

Mr. Shriver and Mr. Fugate will discuss the challenges of meeting the unique needs of children affected by disasters and new strategies to make children a priority in disaster planning, response and recovery. With impetus provided by the work of the Commission, FEMA recently formed a Children's Working Group, comprised of subject matter experts from within and outside the agency, to focus more intently on the needs of children.

On October 14, 2009, the Commission will deliver its Interim Report to the President and Congress. Mr. Shriver will preview the report's findings and recommendations.

**Who:** Mark Shriver, Chairperson, National Commission on Children and Disasters & Craig Fugate, Administrator, FEMA  
**What:** National Press Club Luncheon Speakers  
**When:** Monday October 5, 2009 – 12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.  
**Where:** National Press Club, Holeman Lounge  
529 14th Street, N.W., 13<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Washington, DC 20045

To RSVP for this event [click here](#). For more details about the event [click here](#). The luncheon begins at 12:30 p.m. The program begins promptly at 1 p.m. To make reservations, call 202-662-7501 or e-mail [pnelson@press.org](mailto:pnelson@press.org). Cost of the luncheon is \$17 for National Press Club members, \$28 for their guests, and \$35 for the general public. To submit a question in advance, put **DISASTER** in the subject line and email to [president@press.org](mailto:president@press.org). Questions must be submitted before 10:30 a.m. on the day of the luncheon; you may submit a question whether or not you are able to attend.