

Biographical Sketch – Brigadier General (Retired) {BG R} EARL ARTHURS, MVO MBE psc Training Institute Manager, Regional Security System HQ, Barbados

BG (R) Earl Arthurs is a Disaster Management and Training Specialist who is currently employed by the Regional Security System (RSS) Headquarters as the RSS Training Institute Manager since October 2018. The RSS TI provides training opportunities for the Disciplined Forces (Police, Coast Guard, Military, Prisons & Fire departments), in professional development, security, crisis management and other related subjects.



He is a former Chief of Defence Staff of the Belize Defence Force and was retired in February 1998 after completing 25 years of distinguished service. He is also a former National Disaster Coordinator for the National Emergency Management Organization (NEMO), Belize where he worked for 7 years prior to joining the Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA) in April 2005.

For over thirteen (13) years, he served as a Trainer/Facilitator, Operations Specialist and “Surge Support” (Post disaster events), with CDEMA. His responsibilities included the updating and testing of national disaster management plans, facilitating training activities and providing front line disaster response support to CDEMA’s eighteen (18) Participating States.

BG Arthurs has first-hand experience in disaster response support operations, having been deployed to over fifteen (15) major disaster events in the Caribbean region in the last twenty-two (22) years.

Ser.	Activity	Location	Date	Ser.	Activity	Location	Date
1.	Hurricane Mitch	Belize	Nov. 1998	9.	Tropical Storm Erica	Dominica	Sept. 2015
2.	Hurricane Keith	Belize	Oct. 2000	10.	Hurricane Joaquin	Bahamas	Nov. 2015
3.	Hurricane Iris	Belize	Oct. 2001	11.	Hurricane Matthew	Haiti	Oct. 2016
4.	Hurricane Ivan	Grenada	Sept. 2004	12.	Hurricane Irma	British Virgin Islands	Sept. 2017
5.	Hurricane Ike	Turks & Caicos Islands	Sept. 2008	13.	Hurricane Maria	Dominica	Oct. 2017
6.	Jan. 12 th Earthquake	Haiti	Jan. 2010	14.	Hurricane Dorian	The Bahamas	Sept. 2019
7.	Hurricane Tomas	Saint Lucia	Nov. 2010	15.	Volcano eruption	Saint Vincent & the Grenadines	April 2021
8.	Hurricane Irene	The Bahamas	Aug. 2011				

One of his many achievements was to be appointed as CARICOM’s “Special Coordinator” in Haiti after the 12 January 2010 Earthquake. He was again appointed as CARICOM’s Special Coordinator in Haiti after Hurricane Matthew struck the southwestern peninsula of Haiti (near Les Anglais), on October 4, 2016.

The CDEMA Agreement, Article 21, Section 2 states: *"The Special Coordinator shall be charged with responsibility for coordinating the disaster relief efforts of the disciplined forces in the affected Participating State."*

Brigadier Arthurs was also the CARICOM representative for the HOPEFOR Initiative during 2011 and 2012. HOPEFOR is a United Nation initiative, which was led by Qatar, Dominican Republic and Turkey as: “a Global Cooperative Framework to Improve the Effectiveness of Military and Civil Defense Assets in Relief Operations”. The HOPEFOR Initiative hosted meetings and international conferences in New York (USA), Qatar, Turkey and the Dominican Republic.