



CAPT Kazu Okumura, MA, REHS, CP-FS, CPH

Board Position: Environmental Health Officer (EHO)

CDR Kazu Okumura serves as the Regional Emergency Coordinator for the Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response (ASPR), Region 9, and is stationed in Honolulu, HI. He led the COVID-19 response in the seven Pacific jurisdictions including three foreign nations. His previous duty stations include the Food and Drug Administration, and the National Institutes of Health. He also served two months as a Safety Officer for the Monrovia Medical Unit Team 2 as the youngest EHO on the team.

CDR Okumura has extensive involvement with COA and its local branches. He has served on multiple committees with the District of Columbia COA and was also a Branch President in 2012. He has also been involved with SoCal and the Aloha branch during his time in San Diego and Honolulu, respectively. He served as EHO category planner at the PHS Symposium for three years where he provided extensive professional development opportunities for his fellow officers. He has been a COA Life Member since 2016.

He holds a B.S. in Environmental Health from the University of Washington and an M.A. from the U.S. Naval War College. CDR Okumura has received the USPHS Outstanding Service Medal, USPHS Commendation Medal, and was the 2016 RADM Kenneth Moritsugu Award recipient.