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Roy Wright is a disaster safety expert and recognized resiliency shaper. For two decades he's served in roles that put him on the ground in the immediate aftermath of weather-driven and climate-related disasters, walking through damaged homes with survivors and leading the charge for stronger construction standards, enhanced mitigation efforts and better building codes.

A former Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) official, Roy joined the Insurance Institute for Business & Home Safety (IBHS) in 2018 with experience in property insurance, risk management, mitigation, climate adaptation and resilience planning.

Convinced that the continuing cycle of human suffering that strikes families and communities in the wake of severe weather can be broken, Roy leads a team of scientists and risk communicators who deliver strategies to build safer and stronger homes and businesses. His team uses a unique, state-of-the-art research facility to conduct realistic re-

creations of severe weather hazards on full-scale structures. IBHS's real-world impact enables the insurance industry and affected property owners to prevent avoidable losses. Its FORTIFIED program, based on scientific research and real-world testing, is a construction and re-roofing standard that strengthens homes and buildings against severe weather. The Wildfire Prepared Home program, based on more than a decade of in-lab and real-world wildfire research, is a system of research-backed mitigation actions that, when taken together, meaningfully reduce a home's wildfire risk.

Roy connects stakeholders across the insurance and construction industries to strengthen our built environment and to stop the cycle of repeated, avoidable loss.

Roy joined IBHS from FEMA where he served as the chief executive of the National Flood Insurance Program, led the agency's Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration and directed the resilience programs addressing earthquake, fire, flood and wind risks. Prior to joining FEMA in 2007, Roy worked in public and private sector roles with Coray Gurnitz Strategy Consulting and the U.S. Department of the Interior.

A native of California, Roy earned a bachelor's degree in political science from Azusa Pacific University and a Master of Public Administration from The George Washington University.