

**Harold Bengsch, MSPH, APD
DOB - September 23, 1935**

Born and raised on a farm in western Christian Co. Harold started school in a one room country school house that set on a portion of their farm. He graduated from Billings High School and went on to receive his bachelor's degree in agriculture from MSU and his Masters in Public Health Science from the University of Missouri.

After 45 years of continuous service in the field of Public Health, Harold retired in March of 2004 from the Springfield/Greene County, Mo. Department of Public Health and Welfare where he had spent the last 20 years serving as Director.

Harold has both authored and co-authored 17 published articles on public health, has served as a speaker at the state and national level on Homeland Security, Bio-terrorism, Environmental and Community Health Issues. He is past president of the Missouri Public Health Association, the International Association for Food Protection (IAFP) and is recipient of numerous national and state awards. During his service as Director of Public Health for Springfield/Greene County, he helped that department in many collaborative ventures with the last being the development of a comprehensive bio-terrorism response plan for the county and region. Harold is a founding board member of the Homeland Security Board of Certification, a division of the American College of Forensic Examiners Institute, and past chair of the Missouri State Board of Health. Harold currently serves on the Governor's Advisory Council on Homeland Security, co-chairs the State Children's Justice Task force and the State Child Death Review Panel.

Harold also teaches in the Masters of Public Health Program at Missouri State University specializing in Public Health Administration and Community Leadership Skills.

Harold and his wife Darlene have been married 51 years. They have two daughters, Meschiel and Kena, four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren and are currently waiting on the arrival of a fourth great-grandchild in September.

Two days after his retirement in 2004, Harold filed for the office of Greene County Commissioner and was elected to that position in the November general election and was reelected in 2008.