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SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

Amanda Ciampolillo, Regional Environmental Officer, FEMA Region III

Based in Philadelphia since 2009, Amanda serves as the senior technical advisor to all of FEMA's grant programs, helping to ensure that projects comply with environmental and historic preservation (EHP) laws. Her regional stomping grounds include Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia and the District of Columbia. She leads a staff of EHP professionals who perform a variety of compliance tasks for thousands of regional projects per year.

As a Disaster Assistance Employee for three years out of Region I, Amanda spent considerable time traveling the Northeast and the South. She has worked several large disasters, including Hurricanes Katrina and Ike. Since coming to Region III, Amanda has been heavily invested in streamlining techniques for both non-disaster and disaster grants. She served as the EHP Advisor in Pennsylvania for Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee. Amanda is involved as an instructor for EHP courses, and regularly speaks about historic preservation in the agency. Prior to joining FEMA, she worked driving a forklift and managing a chaotic warehouse full of official forms and stress balls, which she feels makes her uniquely qualified for her career with the federal government.

The mid-Atlantic region keeps Ms. Ciampolillo in close proximity to many of her interests, including industrial structures, trains and Buffalo chicken subs. She has a fondness for smokestacks and an inherent love of lowercase letters. Originally from Upstate New York, Amanda holds a B.A. in History from the State University of New York College at Potsdam and a M.S. in Historic Preservation from the University of Vermont.

Fire Marshal David C. Creasy Sr., City of Richmond

In 1968, Fire Marshal Creasy started his fire service career with Chesterfield Fire Department as a volunteer. He joined the Richmond Fire Bureau in 1971 leaving in 1974 for a career position with Chesterfield Fire Department. Fire Marshal Creasy progressed through the ranks serving in management positions within Emergency Communications, Emergency Operations, Fire Training and the Fire & Life Safety Division. He retired in 2001 as a Senior Battalion Chief. Fire Marshal Creasy has been a fire service instructor for the Virginia Department of Fire Programs since 1973. He has taught basic firefighting classes up to and including executive level supervisory programs. He has worked with private industries throughout the State providing training and consulting services. In the fall of 2004, he became an adjunct instructor within the Fire Science Program of the Virginia Community College System. In 2008 Fire Marshal Creasy began work once again with the City of Richmond as the Fire Marshal. He presently oversees fire inspections, fire investigations, community programs, hazardous materials compliance and public information.

Dawn Eischen, Public Affairs Director, Virginia Department of Emergency Management

Dawn was named the Virginia Department of Emergency Management's (VDEM) public affairs director in January 2014. She serves as the agency's spokesperson and manages media relations, emergency preparedness education, the agency's website and social media initiatives. During emergencies, she is the commonwealth's chief external affairs officer responsible for coordinating state agency public information activities through the Joint Information Center at the Virginia Emergency Operations Center.

Previously, Eischen served as the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) Richmond District's primary media spokesperson during weather events and other transportation emergencies. Before joining VDOT, she was VDEM's public affairs coordinator, responsible for developing disaster awareness campaigns including tornado, hurricane and winter preparedness, among others.

Other positions she has held include public relations manager for the Atlanta Humane Society and public affairs specialist with the American Red Cross in Fort Worth, Texas. Eischen has deployed to several disasters during her career as a public affairs representative of the commonwealth and the Red Cross to include hurricanes Sandy, Ike and Katrina.

Allen Evans, Training and Compliance Coordinator, Virginia Museum of Fine Arts

Lori Foley, Director of Emergency Programs, Foundation of the American Institute for Conservation (FAIC)

Before coming to FAIC, Lori served as Vice President of Emergency Programs and Director of the Heritage Emergency National Task Force for Heritage Preservation, beginning in March 2011. Previously, she was Director of Preservation Services and the Field Service Representative at the Northeast Document Conservation Center in Andover, Massachusetts. She has served as co-chair of the AIC Emergency Committee, and is currently a member of the AIC Collections Emergency Response Team (AIC-CERT).

Lindsay LeGrand, Communications Manager, Virginia Department of Transportation

Lindsay is an alumna of the College of William and Mary. She has served as a spokesperson and crisis communicator at the Williamsburg Area Transit Authority in Williamsburg, VA and currently serves as Communications Manager and the primary spokesperson for the Virginia Department of Transportation's Richmond District. In this role, she has responded to hundreds of emergency-related media inquiries, mostly related to snow removal and other VDOT maintenance questions.

Ken Myers, Director of Operations and Capital Projects, The Valentine

A 1991 VCU graduate with a B.S. in History, Ken has served numerous roles at the Valentine since 1994. His responsibilities at the Valentine include maintenance of the buildings and grounds and management of construction/renovation projects. Ken is a long-time member of the International Association of Museum Facility Administrators. He has been at the museum through Hurricane Floyd, Hurricane Irene, Tropical Storm Gaston, one small building fire, and

water-related emergencies too many to count. He and his wife enjoy living in Richmond's Northside and working to maintain their small 1928 bungalow.

Jonathan McNamara, Communications Officer, American Red Cross of Virginia

Jonathan's responsibilities include media relations, social media engagement and video storytelling. Jonathan is also a member of the Red Cross Advanced Public Affairs team, where he deploys to support national disaster communications efforts.

Prior to joining the Red Cross, Jonathan worked in a variety of organizational settings including the Office of the Chief of Public Affairs for the United States Army, Patient Services Inc. and Mediapond Productions. He is also a 2005 graduate of James Madison University with a degree in Media Arts and Design.