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Speaker Bio:

Erin Sutton is the Chief Deputy at the Virginia Department of Emergency Management. As the Chief Deputy she oversees the day-to-day operations of the agency and provides overall support to the State Coordinator during emergencies. Erin has worked in emergency planning and management for the last 16 years, most recently serving as Director of the City of Virginia Beach Office of Emergency Management since 2014. She has extensive experience managing large-scale disasters in Virginia Beach to include Hurricane Matthew, the Oceana jet fuel spill, the May 31st mass shooting, COVID-19, and several other localized flooding events and winter storms. Additionally, she has held positions with the Virginia Beach Department of Public Health, developing the Virginia Beach Medical Reserve Corps and leading the city-wide pandemic planning effort as the Health Emergency Planner. She received her Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from Radford University and her Master of Science in Microbiology and Immunology from Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio. She is a Certified Emergency Manager, Certified Floodplain Manager and has her Project Management Professional certification.