



Debbie Messmer

State Hazard Mitigation Officer, Virginia Department of Emergency Management

Debbie Messmer has worked for the Virginia Department of Emergency Management for 17 years as a Grants Administrator/Project Coordinator, and now as the State Hazard Mitigation Officer. She has managed over \$100 million in mitigation grants across the Commonwealth ranging from acquisition and elevation of private residential properties to large-scale stormwater management projects to small educational opportunities. She is currently serving in the role of Earthquake Program Manager for the Commonwealth.

Prior to her time with VDEM, she worked for the North Carolina Division of Emergency Management managing over \$80 million in mitigation grants through Hurricane Fran and Hurricane Floyd.

Debbie has four children and two dogs who keep her busy, along with playing tennis and serving on the Board for the Henrico Humane Society.