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Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

Update on VDOF Involvement in Virginia's COVID-19 Response

There are currently seven VDOF staff members serving the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) in Virginia's response to COVID-19, acting in the capacity of Incident Management Team (IMT). An IMT is a group of experienced responders who provide the overall direction and support for a large incident or event. The IMT is helping to establish structure within the EOC, as well as improve information flow and facilitate consistent resource sharing for health districts across the Commonwealth during this critical time.

During times of emergency, VDOF brings unique experience and qualifications to response efforts. The agency has a long history of developing and maintaining nationally qualified and experienced incident managers. These managers not only support the emergency needs of the Commonwealth but also have substantial experience managing wildfires in at least thirty other states across the U.S., as well as experience in managing hurricane, flood and winter storm response and recovery in multiple states throughout the Southeast.

Our team is bringing their collective expertise, leadership and experience to our state's crisis response now.