



Jennifer Freeland, State Volunteer Coordinator, Virginia Department of Health

Ms. Jennifer Freeland is the State Volunteer Coordinator for the Virginia Department of Health. She is responsible for coordinating the 31 Medical Reserve Corps units and over 15,000 public health volunteers throughout Virginia in their everyday and emergency efforts to support public health. An important part of her position is the coordination of the Virginia Department of Health's Virginia Volunteer Health System, which is used to register, credential, track and alert public health volunteers.

Ms. Freeland has been in the MRC program since 2004 and was previously the coordinator for the Peninsula and Western Tidewater MRC units. In 2013, Ms. Freeland received the Division of Civilian Volunteer Medical Reserve Corps' Elizabeth Fitch Leadership Award for Outstanding Leadership and Commitment to the Medical Reserve Corps.

Ms. Freeland's educational experience is valuable in her efforts to support the development of public health volunteer programs. She has provided instruction and presentations in small group communication, public speaking, human communication, leadership, strategic planning, volunteer management, partnership development and organizational behavior. As a group facilitator and an instructional designer, she created and coordinated training for the military, academia, and nonprofit organizations. Ms. Freeland received her M.A. from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro in Organizational Communication and Ethics, and a B.S. in Communication from Old Dominion University in Small Group Communication and Psychology.