

James Young has been with FEMA Region 3 since May 2017 and was named the Disaster Field Coordinator (DFC) for the West Virginia FEMA Integration Team (WV FIT) in November 2021. His primary role is to lead the WV FIT office and help provide FEMA support for Preparedness, Response, Recovery and Mitigation activities in West Virginia. He also serves as the Team Lead for the West Virginia Incident Management Assistance Team (WV IMAT), which provides initial response support to the state for Emergency Operation Center (EOC) activations and other response activities.

James started his FEMA career serving as the long-term recovery lead for the WV FIT, and most recently he has supported FEMA's COVID operations (DR-4517-WV), the 2022 flooding events (DR-4678-WV and DR-4679-WV), and currently serve as Deputy Disaster Recovery Manager for DR-4756-WV, DR-4783-WV and DR-4787-WV.

James is a lifelong resident of Charleston, W.V., and received a Bachelor of Political Science degree

from Marshall University. He then attended East Tennessee State University, where he obtained a

Master of City Management degree. Prior to FEMA, James served as Executive Director of the Kanawha County Solid Waste Authority and Deputy Planning Director of the Kanawha County Commission. He was in the planning position in 2016 when floods impacted the county, and he worked in all facets of the local recovery process.

James has been married to his wife Maria for 12 years, and they have nine-year-old twin daughters,

Ariana and Gabriella, and a mischievous golden doodle named Murphy.