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**Bio:**

Most recently served as the Lincoln County Emergency Manager for 12 years and dual role as the Public Health Emergency Preparedness for 9 of those years.

Jenny holds a certificate of Emergency Management Leadership through Linn Benton Community College and has 20+ successful years working in the healthcare safety and emergency management roles. She holds various and required incident command training and instructor certificates. In 2012 was recognized as the 2012 State of Oregon Emergency Manager of the year and in 2021 recognized as the Emergency Manager of the year by Oregon State Sheriff’s Association.

In her position as County Emergency Manager, Jenny administered the planning and activation of the Emergency Operations Center; implementation of exercise and training program, and community outreach and education program as well as coordinated the emergency management program for Lincoln County Public Health and the Lincoln County public safety radio communications program.

Jenny is an active mother to her daughter, Jamie- OSU Forestry Major student, and son, Morgan – Sophomore at Eddyville Charter School. She retired from her 10-year volunteer Fire Fighter role with Toledo Fire and Rescue in 2021

**Recognition:**

- 2012 – Emergency Manager of the Year, Office of Oregon Emergency Management
- 2021 – Emergency Manager of the Year, Oregon State Sheriff’s Office Association

**Volunteer/Appointed Roles:**

- OR Alert Governance Committee – served as the Chair for 2 years
- State of Oregon Emergency Preparedness Advisory Council – served as Chair for 1 year
- Oregon Emergency Management Association – served two 2-year terms as the West-Side representative.
- Lincoln County School Board – served one 4-year term as an elected Director for the Board of Directors
- Eddyville Charter School – served 8 years as an appointed Director for the Board of Directors
- Toledo Fire and Rescue – served 10 years as volunteer Fire Fighters

**ICS/EOC Response Deployments to Other Jurisdictions:**

- Baker County Fires – 2015, 4 days, Deputy EOC Manager
- Curry County Fires (Chetco Bar) – 2017, 4 days, Plans Section, Sit/Stat
- Josephine County Fires – 2018, 4 days, Plans Section and PIO Deputy

- Lane County Snow Event – 2019, 3 days, Plans Deputy Section Chief
- Umatilla County Flood Event – 2020, 5 days, Operations Deputy Section Chief
- Lane County Fire Event – 2023, 4 days, Planning Support

**Lincoln County EOC Deployment** – serving as EOC Director and other EOC Positions:

- 2011 Distant Tsunami – EOC Staff Support
- 2011 Flooding – EOC Director
- 2012 Tsunami Debris – EOC Liaison to State Jurisdictions
- 2012 Winter Weather – EOC Director
- 2014 E coli and Ebola Response – Public Health Liaison
- 2015 Winter Weather Event – EOC Director
- 2016 2500 Road Fire – EOC Director
- 2017 Winter Weather Event – EOC Director
- 2017 Beaver Creek Slide – EOC Director
- 2017 Eclipse Event – EOC Director
- 2018 Distant Tsunami – EOC Director
- 2018 Eckman Creek Road Closure – EOC Director
- 2018 Drought Declaration – EOC Director
- 2018 Fall Creek Fire – EOC Director
- 2020 COVID – EOC Director, PH DOC Plans/LOGS Section Chief
- 2020 Echo Mountain Complex Fire - EOC Director
- 2020 Fall Creek Slide - EOC Director
- 2022 Distant Tsunami Response – EOC Director
- 2023 Sams Creek Fire – EOC Director