

Biography

Wendy Smith-Reeve, Director, AZ Division of Emergency Management

Wendy Smith-Reeve was named Director of the Arizona Division of Emergency Management (ADEM) in May 2013. As Director of ADEM, Wendy is also Chair of the Arizona State Emergency Response Commission (AZSERC) and serves as a Co-Chair on the Emergency Management Committee of the Arizona-Mexico Commission. She oversees the AZSERC Executive Director and ADEM's four Assistant Directors responsible for disaster preparedness, operations, recovery, and logistics.

Wendy has been a part of ADEM since September 1996, when she began work as a finance specialist for the Public Assistance Program within the Recovery Section. She became Deputy Manager and then Manager of that program before being named Assistant Director of the Recovery Section in 2009. She has assisted with the management of recovery efforts for 10 presidential disaster declarations in Arizona, and over 80 state disaster declarations.

Wendy has been an instructor for several recovery courses offered by ADEM as part of its training program through the Emergency Management Institute (EMI.) These courses are offered throughout the state to emergency service providers, emergency managers and local government officials. She also assisted with developing FEMA courses pertaining to recovery operations.

Wendy is a member and current Past-President of the Arizona Emergency Services Association, a professional organization dedicated to providing information, expertise and support to all emergency service professionals in both public and private sectors. Wendy is also a member of the National Emergency Management Association, the National Association of Professional Women, and the International Women's Leadership Association.

Wendy currently resides in Gilbert with her husband Kerry, an Emergency Manager for the Department of Veterans Affairs. Wendy and Kerry have five children: Kristopher, Kara, William, Krystal and Nichole, and one grandson, Kristian.