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Bill Floyd, Jr. was hired by Lee County in 2000 and serves as Logistics Coordinator. Bill supports his team members with the resources they need to undertake planning efforts and also supports the Operations Section by providing vendor support, deploying the Lee County Mobile Response Unit when requested, and reporting incidents to the State Watch Office and the State EOC.

Bill was born in Orange, New Jersey. When he was 12 his family moved to Richmond, VA which he considers his hometown. The same year, Bill worked during the summer school months in the kitchen of a hotel where his father worked at as a musician. In 1969, Bill graduated high school and joined the United States Army and served in both the Pershing Surface to Surface Missile Unit in Germany (1969 – 1971) and in the Nike Hercules Air Defense System in Virginia Beach, Virginia (1971- 1073). In these units Bill was trained in supply and also served as a missile/radar operator. Because of the nature of this work, Bill was given a top security clearance. In 1973, Bill was sent to Korea where he worked in the battalion supply unit for the construction unit that maintained the DMZ that separated North and South Korea. In 1975, Bill and twenty other logistical support personnel were sent on emergency assignment to Guam to support the Vietnam pullout. The team worked for six weeks processing thousands of evacuees. Because there were no facilities large enough to handle that number of people, Bill came up with an idea and his team contacted Ringling Bros Circus in Sarasota where they had their large tents in storage. An Air Force cargo plane transported the tents to Guam where the Navy Sea Bees erected them to support the relief operation. This was Bill's first true

disaster operation. After returning to Korea, Bill left the army after six years of Service with the rank of E-5. During this time, Bill was awarded two Good Conduct Medals, a National Defense Medal, a Pershing Professional Medal, and Certificates of Achievement.

After being discharged from the army, Bill returned to Richmond, VA and joined the Henrico County Sheriff's Department. Bill also volunteered with the Coast Guard Auxiliary and helped his father in his business. In 1985, Bill wanted a change (got tired of the cold winters) and moved to Ft. Myers where he worked as a private investigator. Bill wanted to continue to do volunteer work so he became a Red Cross Volunteer and worked as a supply specialist and later worked in the local Red Cross Chapter as the Disaster Specialist. In 1998, Bill was hired by Desoto County Emergency Management where he worked under a grant to develop a mitigation strategy for the flooding that occurs annually of both Horse Creek and Peace River. From 1991 – 1995 Bill was assigned to 12 national Red Cross disaster operations. Some of Bill's largest operations were Hurricane's Hugo in 1989 and Andrew in 1992 and the Midwest Floods of 1993. Since 1985, Bill has responded to many statewide and local disasters such as the Bonita Floods, tornados, hazmat incidents, and brush fires—including the major fires that impacted the entire State of Florida in 2000, and Hurricanes Charlie and Wilma.

Bill believes deeply in Emergency Management and tries to use his years of experience to help Lee County to be ready should a disaster occur.

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