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Sandra Tapfumaneyi was born and raised in Streamwood, IL (a NW Chicago suburb.). Sandra earned a Bachelors degree in International Relations and Global Affairs from Eckerd College (St. Petersburg, FL) in 2000 and a Masters degree in International Peace and Conflict Resolution from American University (Washington, D.C.) in 2005.

From 2000 to 2003, Sandra served as an Ameri-Corp Notre Dame Mission Volunteer teacher at Academy Prep Center of St. Petersburg, FL. While working on her Masters, she served as a Human Rights/Emergency Management Intern at The Carter Center in Atlanta in 2005. While there, she met and worked with former President Jimmy Carter on human rights issues. She helped prepare emergency response scenarios for the election monitors sent to Liberia in 2005 and drafted letters for President Carter to send to foreign dignitaries. Her experience there began to lead her to a future in emergency management.

After graduation, Sandra worked from 2005 to 2012 with SAIC, an emergency management contractor for the U.S. Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta. This group focused on preparation and developing CDC's emergency response procedures, training response teams on the Incident Command System, and designing emergency exercises.

Her work involved training, exercises, and continuity of operations planning so the CDC could continue to function in a large disaster. While there, she was involved in setting up a SharePoint Information/Activation Portal which allowed the various CDC offices and contractors to share emergency information through a common operating platform.

All of this experience led Sandra to be hired by Lee County as Emergency Management's Operations Chief in 2012. She is responsible for the supervision and execution of operational activities related to the County's Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP) including coordinating with local emergency responders, sheltering, points-of-distribution, maintaining the EOC Activation Portal, maintaining Emergency Management equipment and vehicles and ensuring EOC readiness.

All this responsibility suits Sandra's abilities, education and prior training to a "T." She enjoys her work and brings a smile to the job every day.

Married with two children, Sandra plans on serving the people of Lee County for some time to come.

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