

Jeff Byard: VP of Operations, Team Rubicon

Jeff Byard is the Vice President of Operations for Team Rubicon (TR). In this capacity, he leads a highly functional and diverse staff and volunteers dedicated to delivering disaster relief services nationwide. He develops strategies to grow connections with local, state, federal, and other partners to enhance effective and efficient service delivery.

Before joining TR, Byard, a Marine Corps veteran, was appointed as Associate Administrator of the Office of Response and Recovery (ORR) for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). He received his appointment in September 2017. He joined the Agency during response operations to Hurricane Harvey in the National Response Coordination Center. During his time with FEMA, he led a highly diverse and functioning team that managed 185 Presidential Major Disasters and Emergency Declarations, equaling \$39 Billion in Disaster Relief Fund (DRF) expenditures.

Before joining FEMA, Byard was the Executive Operations Officer at the Alabama Emergency Management Agency (AEMA). He began his emergency management career in 2002 as a planner in the Mitigation Division of the Alabama Emergency Management Agency. Following Hurricane Katrina in 2006, he was the Director of Alabama's Recovery Office for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), where he led and coordinated the timely delivery of FEMA's disaster recovery and assistance support to state and local governments.

Byard returned to the Alabama Emergency Management Agency in 2007 to serve as the Executive Operations Officer, responsible for Response, Recovery, and Field operations.