



Department of Veterans Affairs

Senior Executive Biography

Derrick K. S. Jaastad

**Executive Director
Veterans Health Administration
Office of Emergency Management**

Mr. Jaastad is responsible for providing expertise and leadership to the Veterans Health Administration enterprise through the integration of emergency management programs, functions and supporting activities to prevent, protect, mitigate, respond, and recover from all hazards. OEM provides the expertise, knowledge, guidance, and front-line capabilities to ensure VHA is a resilient and prepared healthcare system in an all-hazards environment, serving as a national model.



Most recently, as Director of Integration and Implementation, Mr. Jaastad provided the forum for enterprise initiatives and priorities such as, Caregivers Support Program expansion, Referral Coordination, Electronic Health Record Modernization, and COVID-19. Mr. Jaastad was responsible for the organizational construct and creation of the common operating picture for the successful implementation of Maintaining Internal Systems and Strengthening Integrated Outside Networks Act (MISSION Act) of 2018.

Mr. Jaastad is a retired Navy SEAL with service as Special Boat Team 12, Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and high yield Explosives Officer, and SEAL Team Three, Platoon Corpsman. He has extensive federal certifications in emergency management, including National Preparedness Leadership Institute through Harvard University, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Energy, and the Department of Homeland Security.

CAREER CHRONOLOGY:

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| 2022 – Present | Executive Director, VHA Office of Emergency Management |
| 2021 – 2022 | Executive Director (Acting), VHA Office of Emergency Management |
| 2019 – 2021 | Director, Integration, and Implementation, VHA Healthcare Operations Center |
| 2017 – 2017 | Director (Acting), VHA Office of Emergency Management |
| 2016 – 2017 | Deputy Director (Acting), VHA Office of Emergency Management |
| 2014 – 2019 | Plans Branch Chief, VHA Office of Emergency Management |
| 2014 – 2014 | Acting Response Operations Branch Chief, Department of Health and Humans Services, Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response, Office of Emergency Management |
| 2011 – 2014 | Response Operations Mission Specialist, Department of Health and Humans Services, Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response, Office of Emergency Management |

EDUCATION:

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| 2006 | Masters in Strategic Planning for Critical Infrastructures, University of Washington, Seattle, WA |
| 2001 | Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, University of Phoenix, Phoenix, AZ |