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Jody has served as an IPAWS Specialist and the IPAWS Lab Project Manager for over 10 years. She was an incremental part in the development and implementation of the IPAWS Lab which serves all Federal, State, Local, Tribal and Territorial alerting authorities with exercise and training initiatives, along with many other functions in support of the IPAWS Program Management Office. Jody spends much of her time in support of IPAWS efforts and engagements, that often involve internal coordination with FEMA's National Exercise Division and FEMA's Emergency Management Institute, and external coordination with Agencies at all levels. Jody travels the country attending specialized engagements at the request of IPAWS Users and the IPAWS Program Management Office. Her ongoing goal is to improve use of IPAWS and build proficiency in order to strengthen local alert and warning practices and procedures.

Jody holds a B.S. degree from The George Washington University, is a certified Project Management Professional, and is in process of completing her Master's of Science in Business Management with a specialization in Emergency Management from the University of Maryland.

**The IPAWS Program is responsible for providing "an effective, reliable, integrated, flexible, and comprehensive system to alert and warn the American people in situations of war, terrorist attack, natural disaster, or other hazards to public safety and well-being" in accordance with Executive Order 13407. Effective emergency alert and warning supports the FEMA and DHS Strategic Objectives and contributes to the National Preparedness Goal.*