



James Sager was unanimously appointed by the Jefferson County Commission as Deputy Director on June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018. James was born in Winchester and grew up in southern Frederick County Virginia. At the Age of 16, he started in Fire and Rescue in Frederick County Va. James obtained certifications such as Firefighter 1 and 2, HAZMAT and my EMT just to name a few. James started in Corrections in 2003 and leaving in 2012 as a General and Defensive Tactics Instructor for the Dept. of Criminal Justice Services. James pursued a career with Loudoun County as a Fire Inspector and continued his career with The Delaware State Fire Marshal's Office as an investigator. James moved from the Eastern Shore of Maryland to West Virginia where he was employed by Prince William County Va. Fire and Rescue as a Fire Marshal.

During his time in Fire and Rescue Services, he obtained many certifications in Mass Casualty and Incident Management through FEMA's Emergency Management Institute as well as the National Fire Academy. James also obtained NFPA certifications such as 1001 and NFPA 1031. James is also certified in Erosion and Sediment Control through the State of Maryland

In 2017 James and his wife Megan moved to the Back Creek Valley area of Berkeley County West Virginia where they have a farmette with their 2 children. James stays active in the community as a volunteer with his local fire company and participates in various activities in the area. James and his family are passionate about the outdoors they all hunt and fish. Even though James grew up in the area he acknowledges we are fortunate to have the rich history our area has to offer and loves touring the various towns and historical places in the tri-state area. James is happy to be back in the panhandle, for him and his wife and this is home.