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Women in Service: On the Frontlines of Navigating Arkansas through COVID with

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Dr. Jerrilyn Jones is an Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine at the University of Arkansas for Medical sciences and the Medical Director for the Preparedness and Response Branch at the Arkansas Department of Health where she has been named to both the Governor's Task Force on Post-Peak COVID-19 Response and the recently formed Winter Task Force. In addition to her experience in emergency medicine, Dr. Jones has extensive experience in Emergency Medical Services (EMS) having worked as medical director for both a paramedic training program and a private ambulance service where she was charged with ensuring the competency and readiness of Nationally Registered EMS personnel. Her practical expertise includes working at the finish line as a first responder during the Boston Marathon bombing of 2013 and also as a first receiver during the civil unrest in Baltimore in 2015. It also includes serving as a Flight Surgeon in the US Air Force, where she honed her skills in caring for patients in austere conditions while developing an interest in disaster preparedness and community resilience. While deployed to Afghanistan, she served as the sole physician responsible for 1300 Air Force and civilian personnel and published a weekly medical newsletter distributed to all of Bagram Air Base in order to prevent illness through education. Her passion lies in responding to real disasters and emergencies as well as educating medical students, residents, paramedics, and the community at large. Dr. Jones has given numerous lectures to various audiences regarding medical care in the prehospital environment. Dr. Jones is Board Certified in Emergency Medicine. She graduated summa cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa with a degree in Biology from Howard University and earned she earned her Medical Doctorate from Harvard Medical School. She also obtained her Masters of Public Health while a fellow at Boston EMS. Dr. Jones and her husband, Dr. Christopher Jones, have three daughters and live in Little Rock, Arkansas.