

Daren Williams, P.E. Administrator

Daren is the Virginia Department of Transportation; Movable Bridge Engineering Manager. His group operates, maintains, and inspects VDOT Movable Bridges. The Statewide Movable Bridge Electrical, Mechanical, and Structural Inspectors inspect the Movable Bridges owned and operated by VDOT. The Movable Bridge Maintenance Crew performs emergency and preventive maintenance to VDOT Movable Bridges in the VDOT Hampton Roads District. Contractors operate the bridges Statewide and maintain the bridges in other regions of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

He also volunteers as the American Society of Civil Engineers, Virginia Section Past President (2019 - 2020), United States Naval Academy Alumni Association of Hampton Roads Board of Directors (2018 - 2020), and American Legion Post #35 Norfolk, VA member. Daren was a corresponding member for the Task Committee for the Civil Engineering Body of Knowledge, Edition 3 published in 2019.

Daren assisted as an Operations and Maintenance Engineer to operate and maintain 1500 mi of gravity sewer and 180 mi of force main in Virginia's largest municipality. He was an Engineer III for the City of Virginia Beach, Department of Public Utilities, Operations and Maintenance Division (2008 – 2016). Every 5th weekend he served as Operations and Maintenance Standby Engineer responding to all water and sewer emergencies that required an Engineer's assistance. He also published papers on Easement Maintenance, Geographic Information System Mapping, and Performance Measures.

Previously he was a Surface Warfare Officer in the United States Navy specializing in electronic repair and nuclear reactor preventive maintenance (2002 – 2007). His first tour was on the USS Belleau Wood, LHA-3 (2003 – 2004) stationed in San Diego, CA. LHA-3 deployed to the Persian Gulf transporting the13th Marine Expeditionary Unit from Camp Pendleton, CA and Expeditionary Strike Group 3. He earned his Surface Warfare Officer qualification and led the Information Technology division for half of his tour and the Electronic Technicians division for the remaining half of his tour. He attended and completed Navy Nuclear Power Training in Goose Creek, S.C. (2004 – 2005). His second tour was on the USS Carl Vinson, CVN-70 (2005-2007). He served as the Refueling Complex Overhaul Officer, leading a Division of all nuclear trades in Work Controls (Lock out and Tag Out for maintenance boundaries) and 3M (Maintenance, Material, and Management).

He is a registered Professional Engineer in the Commonwealth of Virginia. He earned a Bachelors of Science in Ocean Engineering from the United States Naval Academy in 2002. He was awarded a Master of Engineering Management from Old Dominion University in 2007. He was awarded the Naval Achievement Medal twice and earned the 2015 ASCE Region 4 Daniel Terrell Award.