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In October 2015, Marion was appointed the Executive Director of the [CRHNet](#), a not-for-profit organization established in 2003 to promote and strengthen disaster risk reduction and emergency management in Canada. CRHNet creates an environment for hazards research, education and emergency management practitioner communities to effectively share knowledge and innovative approaches that reduce disaster vulnerability. Marion was a member of the CRHNet Board from 2007 to 2014.

Previously Marion was the Coordinator for the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology's Emergency Management Diploma Program www.nait.ca/em with a leadership role in the development and implementation of the Program in 2006. Marion continues to teach at NAIT.

Marion joined the Alberta Government's Emergency Management Agency in 1992 and held a number of positions during her 15 years with the Agency. She has worked with Alberta's health regions to assist them prepare for emergencies and taught disaster health management in Alberta's nursing education programs until 2008. She has developed emergency plans for health facilities, schools, educational institutions and industry, and conducted and participated in numerous disaster exercises. In 1996 she became the manager of the Government's disaster assistance program which assists families, businesses and municipalities devastated by a disaster or emergency event. During the period 1999 to 2002 she served on the Alberta Government's influenza pandemic task force and conducted pandemic exercises involving health regions and municipalities and stakeholders. In 2000 Marion was appointed the Director of Training for Emergency Management Alberta and as a member of the Canada National Emergency Management Training Committee, worked with federal, provincial and territorial partners to establish national training standard and programs for Canada's emergency management personnel. During her time with Emergency Management Alberta, she served as the Agency Duty Manager and coordinated the initial Government of Alberta response to many emergencies.

Marion's disaster response experience includes a three-week assignment as part of the relief effort following the 1994 Southern California earthquake and response to widespread flooding events, health care centre evacuations, tornadoes, train derailments and industrial incidents that have occurred in Alberta and when Alberta had a support role for events elsewhere in Canada. Marion was in the Alberta Government's emergency operations centre during the 1995 southern Alberta flooding; Y2K - December 31, 1999; the January 1998 Eastern Canada ice storm; the 2000 Pine Lake tornado; the Alberta response to the September 11, 2001 terrorist event (USA); 2003 SARS outbreak, 2004 BSE (mad cow disease) event, and the 2005 severe Southern Alberta flooding.

As a resident of the Niagara Region, Ontario, Marion is an active volunteer in local emergency management activities and frequently serves as an exercise evaluator. She is a member of the local CAER committee. Marion is a Registered Nurse and her area of practice was formerly occupational health nursing. Marion received the Alberta Premier's Award of Excellence in 1999 and the Alberta Emergency Services medal in 2006 for her work in emergency management.