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Leslie graduated from the College of Veterinary Medicine at Oklahoma State University in 1986 and earned diplomat status in the American College of Veterinary Preventative Medicine in 2013. Leslie currently works with stakeholders and partners from industry, state and local governments, NGO's and producers to coordinate training and planning to better respond to animal disease outbreaks and disasters that impact animals, the rural community and associated businesses. Leslie is a certified ICS instructor, Foreign Animal Disease Diagnostician (FADD) and exercise planner.

Leslie serves as a planning section chief on USDA Veterinary Services (VS) National Incident Management Team's (NIMT). Responses include the 2014 Cameron County and the 2017 Laredo/southern Texas Cattle Fever Tick responses, she deployed more than 100 days with VS NIMT's Blue and Indigo during the 2015 Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) response in CA, WA, IA, and MO, AR Low-Path AI in 2013, MO HPAI IN 2016 and other responses. She has deployed to blizzard emergency livestock feeding responses, numerous Oklahoma tornados' including the 2013 Moore Tornado, Wildland fire responses and Hurricanes Isaac, Gustav and Harvey.

Leslie was selected as an instructor for a USDA International Services/US Department of State capacity building training on animal disease management and investigation for the Malaysian Department of Veterinary Services in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia in 2016.

Leslie served on the team that delivered instruction and mentoring as part of the Langston University (an 1890's land-grant University) Foreign Animal Disease Response Capacity Building project. The objectives of this project were to better prepare university outreach personnel to work with stakeholders, particularly small and underserved producers, to be better prepared to respond to disasters and animal disease outbreaks impacting them.

Leslie is an instructor for the FBI and USDA's Animal/Plant Health Joint Criminal-Epidemiological Investigations course currently being delivered to Public Health, Law Enforcement, traditional Emergency Management and Industry stakeholders around the country.