



Mary Tello-Pool has been involved in disaster preparedness and response for nearly 20 years and currently serves as a consultant in emergency and response planning. She was most recently employed in the Emergency Preparedness and Response section of the North Dakota Department of Health as the state Emergency Medical Services for Children program manager and the Hospital Preparedness Division Director. Prior to that, Mary worked for several years in public health for the Southwest Central Region.

Mary has worked in the nursing profession for over 42 years and is a nurse volunteer for the American Red Cross Nurse Corps as well as the North Dakota Medical Reserve Corps. She is an American Red Cross certified instructor for several disaster and health/safety courses. Mary was instrumental in the implementation of the American Red Cross “Together We Prepare” Disaster/Terrorism Preparedness and Response program throughout North Dakota. Mary also served as chairman for the Emergency Preparedness and Response Committee for the National Council of State Boards of Nursing.

Mary is also a nationally certified instructor for the US Department of Homeland Security program “Weapons of Mass Destruction and Hazardous Materials” awareness level. She is certified to level V in Homeland Security and recently earned the designation “Diplomate” by the Board for Certification in Homeland Security.

Mary is married to Duane Pool, a scientist for the Rocky Mountain Bird Observatory. Her family members include daughters Christina and Deanna, sons-in-law Brent and Thaddeaus, and new granddaughter Maria Elena.