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Campbell County Hires Public Safety Director

RUSTBURG, VA – Campbell County is pleased to welcome Scott V. Hechler, who assumed the position of Public Safety Director on March 1, 2010. Drawing from over 27 years of public safety-related experience, Scott will oversee Campbell County's Emergency Communications, Emergency Medical Services (EMS), Emergency Planning, Animal Control, and Fire divisions.

Beginning his public safety career in Chesterfield, VA, in 1982, Scott served the locality as a firefighter, lieutenant, assistant fire marshal (fire inspector & fire investigator), station captain, training captain, administrative officer, and acting battalion chief. In 2005, he accepted a position with the Virginia Department of Fire Programs as Chief Deputy Director and continued his public service career with the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) as the Emergency Response / Statewide Incident Management Program Manager. Other career experiences include providing emergency services support to the US Navy CNIC Headquarters in Washington D.C. (on behalf of the Battelle Memorial Institute), and offering consulting services to the Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) as a Public Safety Institute Instructor and the Fire Service Liaison. Scott has also served as an adjunct instructor for the Virginia Department of Fire Programs since 1988.

Continuing his education locally, Scott is currently pursuing a doctorate in education at Liberty University, having previously earned a master's degree in Business Administration from Liberty as well. He holds a dual-major bachelor's degree in Labor Safety & Health / Labor Studies from the National Labor College; he holds numerous state and federal certifications and has served on many state and national emergency preparedness and response working groups.

“I look forward to working side-by-side with the dedicated emergency responders of Campbell County to continue their excellence in public safety to our community,” said Hechler of his transition to Campbell County. “I have enjoyed meeting the staff and the many emergency service volunteers – I’m glad to have the opportunity to serve with this committed team.”

“We’re pleased to have Scott join the Campbell County organization as Public Safety Director and member of our Leadership Team,” said David Laurrell, Campbell County Administrator. “His breadth of public safety knowledge, coupled with his years of experience in the field, will be an asset, not only to the organization, but subsequently to the citizens who rely on public safety services.”

Hechler is a member of the National Association of Fire Investigators, National Fire Academy Alumni Association, the International Association of Fire Chiefs, Westhampton Masonic Lodge # 302, and the ACCA Shriners. He and his wife, Tracy, are the parents of five children (Ryan, Meagan, Sarah, Bryce, Carson); the family resides in Powhatan County, Virginia.

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