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“AN INTERNATIONALLY CERTIFIED EMERGENCY
MANAGER”

Director of Emergency Services for Buncombe County since December 1, 1972. Responsible for Emergency Management, Emergency Medical Services, 911 Radio Department, Training & Development, Safety Office, Criminal Justice Information System(CJIS) and Homeland Security. Involved with disaster situations throughout career in Buncombe County, Statewide as well as recently involved with the World Trade Center and Katrina response.

Mayor of the Town of Woodfin since 2003.

Present Certifications:

Mortician, State Of North Carolina
Certified Emergency Manager, International Association of Emergency Managers and State of North Carolina
Instructor, Mass Fatalities Incident Response Course
Instructor, Hazardous Materials Response

Current Organizations:

West Asheville Kiwanis Club, Past President, two terms and Past Lt. Governor
Region B EMS council, Chairman 1976-77-78
Civil Air Patrol member since 1977
NC Emergency Management Association, President, 1977 and 1984
Western Carolina Safety Council, President, 1982, 2000-2003
American Society of Professional Emergency Planners
American Society of Safety Engineers
Red Cross First Aid Committee and Board member
Buncombe County Rescue Squad Board Member, former chairman
Chairman, North Carolina Emergency Management Association Certification Committee
International Association of Emergency Managers Certification Commission, Chairman
Past President, International Association of Emergency Managers 1995-1996
Biltmore Masonic Lodge #446, Master 2001

Federal Disaster Mortuary Operational Response Team (DMORT-WMD) for Region 4, WMD Division

Board Member – Aston Park Health Care Center, Inc.

Executive Statewide Safety Conference and instrumental in Funeral Directors participation in 2007 Statewide conference

Former Organization Membership:

North Carolina Emergency Response Commission

National Task Force on Hazardous Materials Preparedness

Asheville Jaycees

MANNA Food Bank Board

WNC Kidney Foundation Board, President 1975-76

Co-Chair, NC-2000 Committee for Buncombe County, 1982-83

Buncombe County Budget Advisory Committee

State EMS Advisory Council

Buncombe County Environmental Affairs Board

Awards:

Outstanding Young Man of American, 1977

General Edward Foster Griffin Award, 1978 and 1982, Award given to county representative for outstanding achievement in Emergency Management. Only person to receive this award twice.

Department of the Army Certificate of Appreciation for Patriotic Civilian Service, Highest civilian award given by Corp of Engineers

Land of Sky Regional Council Award for Outstanding Committee Service 1984

L.C. Ducker Memorial and Achievement Award 1989 – Presented by Western Carolina Safety Council

Who's Who in the South and Southwest, 1991-1992

Patrick Henry Citation Presented by the National Guard Association of the US 1995

Clayton R. Christopher Award, Presented by the Region IV, International Association of Emergency Managers

Miriam Smith Memorial Award presented by Western Carolina Amateur Radio Society 2002