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CATAWBA COUNTY EMS NAMES NEW SHIFT SUPERVISOR

Newton, NC—Catawba County Emergency Medical Service recently named Noel Kay as Shift Supervisor for the Service's D Shift. He succeeds Mark Sigmon, who retired in September 2010.

Kay will be responsible for overseeing all operational activities on his assigned shift, including coordinating general maintenance of units and bases, completing any necessary injury/exposure paperwork, and disseminating of supplies, equipment and paperwork.



He will participate in EMS Management Team meetings and work with the Chief Trainer on D Shift to assure his staff maintains training requirements set forth by Catawba County EMS and the North Carolina State Office of Emergency Medical Service. He will continue to respond to emergency calls and act as a supervisor in those cases, performing rescue work and providing medical care as needed.

“During his tenure with Catawba County, Noel’s dedication has impressed me,” said Bryan Blanton, Catawba County’s Emergency Services Director. “He is a hard worker who is willing to take on projects that go above and beyond what is expected. In addition to being a hard worker, Noel is compassionate and takes care of his employees. I am extremely pleased that Noel is taking a leadership role within EMS.”

Prior to assuming his new duties, Kay served as a Crew Chief on D Shift, responsible for overseeing and coordinating all of the daily activities of an assigned crew of five employees while continuing to perform all the skills and duties of an EMT-Paramedic. As crew chief, his work also involved scheduling leave time, reviewing patient charts, completing annual employee performance reviews, approving timesheets, and serving on the Management Team. He also served as a field training officer, was a member of the County EMS Training Committee, and was responsible for training and evaluation of students, current employees working to upgrade their certification, and newly hired employees.

Kay became interested in EMS in 1986 when he joined the Shelby Rescue Squad as a junior member. In the early 1990s, while studying at Gardner-Webb University, he decided that pre-hospital medicine was his calling and enrolled in an EMT-Paramedic course at Gaston College.

Kay came to work for Catawba County in 1993, first as a part time employee, and transitioned to full time later that year when the County moved from 24 hour shifts to 12 hour shifts.

Kay says encouraging others and seeing the outcome of their success is the best part of his career thus far, and adds that “supervisory work gives me an opportunity to do that on a potentially large scale.”

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