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## **Jimmy Brissie Named as Henderson County Emergency Services Director**

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Henderson County is pleased to announce that Jimmy Brissie, Emergency Management/Rescue Coordinator, has accepted the position of Emergency Services Director. The position became available with the recent retirement of long-time public servant, Rocky Hyder.

Brissie, an East Henderson High School graduate, joined the Henderson County Rescue Squad at the age of 15. He has been the Chief of the Rescue Squad since 2000. Throughout his career in public service, Jimmy has worn many hats serving as a paramedic, a technical rescuer instructor, a business owner, public safety lieutenant, and most recently with Henderson County as the Emergency Management/Rescue Coordinator.

His education reflects his dedication in his chosen field of service. Brissie holds a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice from Appalachian State University, BLET and Paramedic training. His certifications include Emergency Medical Technician, Rescue Technician, Hazardous Materials, Firefighter Level 2, IFSAC ARFF Firefighter, Level II General Instructor (NC Department of Insurance), Rescue Technician (Qualified Instructor), and NC Certified Law Enforcement Officer.

“I believe my training and experience when coupled with my commitment to our community and its growth will result in a successful partnership with the County,” said Brissie.

County Manager Steve Wyatt states, “Director Brissie has some huge shoes to fill, but he possesses the aptitude and the attitude to lead the Henderson County Emergency Services Team in continued excellence. It is satisfying to be able to promote from within our ranks, and that’s a testimony to the quality of our organization”.

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