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NEW EMERGENCY SERVICES DIRECTOR SELECTED

Franklin County, December 3, 2020: *Franklin County Manager Kim Denton has named Hendrix Valenzuela as Emergency Services Director. Mr. Valenzuela will assume the position December 14, 2020. Mr. Valenzuela comes to Franklin County from Cumberland County where he served as the County's Emergency Management Program Coordinator.*

Mr. Valenzuela's public safety career began with the Fire Service where he served as a volunteer Fireman within his community as well as a Firefighter/EMT for the City of Burlington, NC and Town of Carrboro, NC. Mr. Valenzuela's next role was serving as a Multi-Hazard Field Planner with North Carolina Emergency Management (NCEM) Eastern Branch Office.

Mr. Valenzuela served as a key staff member during disaster activations for Hurricanes Matthew and Florence. He received special recognition from the North Carolina General Assembly in January 2019 as a result of his personal rescue of a missing child in Craven County.

Mr. Valenzuela graduated from High Point University in High Point, North Carolina with a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration and he received a Master's Degree in Disaster & Emergency Management from Jacksonville State University in Jacksonville, Alabama.

"The Franklin County Emergency Services Department provides essential services and Mr. Valenzuela's experience and enthusiasm will continue our commitment to delivering high-quality services and ensuring emergency preparations for our citizens," Denton said.

For additional information, please contact Kim Denton, Franklin County Manager, at (919) 496-5994.

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