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NEW FIRE MARSHAL SELECTED IN FRANKLIN COUNTY

Franklin County, March 26, 2021: *Franklin County has named Arthur Lee Evans, III (Trey) as County Fire Marshal effective April 19, 2021. Mr. Evans started his public safety career as a volunteer firefighter at Littleton Volunteer Fire Department. In 2012, he became a firefighter with the Town of Weldon in Halifax County. He spent six years with Weldon Fire Department and promoted up the ranks to Assistant Chief.*

Mr. Evans obtained a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from North Carolina Wesleyan College and an Associate's Degree in Fire Protection Technology from Coastal Carolina Community College. He has achieved numerous firefighter certifications, technical rescue, and fire certifications including Fire Officer III, Fire Inspector II and North Carolina Fire Arson Investigator. Mr. Evans and his wife Kaitlyn are long-time Franklin County residents.

"We are excited to have the position of the County Fire Marshal filled. Mr. Evans brings a lot of attributes and qualities that align well with the overall mission and services provided by the Office of Emergency Services," said Emergency Services Director Hendrix Valenzuela.

The Fire Marshal's Office is a division of Franklin County's Office of Emergency Services. The Fire Marshal position was funded as part of the Fiscal Year 2021 Budget. County Manager Kim Denton said, "The position fills an important need as the County's population continues to grow." The Franklin County Fire Marshal will be responsible for conducting investigations, coordinating with other agencies and performing periodic inspections in occupied facilities as required by applicable State law.

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

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