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Berkeley County Welcomes New Director of Emergency Preparedness

Moncks Corner, S.C. - (Friday, January 12, 2018)- Berkeley County welcomes Ben Almquist as the new Director of Emergency Preparedness. Almquist comes to Berkeley County with experience in emergency response, after working as the Regional Emergency Coordinator for South Carolina Emergency Management Division.

Almquist is a Marine Corps veteran and Citadel graduate. He was born and raised in Berkeley County, in Goose Creek.

Almquist joins the rest of the Berkeley County Emergency Preparedness Department and will be reporting to Dan Barb, Director of Berkeley County Emergency Services Division. Other departments within Berkeley County Emergency Services Division include: Berkeley County Emergency Medical Services and Communications.

"We're thrilled to strengthen the Emergency Preparedness department with Almquist's leadership," said Berkeley County Supervisor Bill Peagler. "In just more than three years as Supervisor, Berkeley County has seen major impacts from two hurricanes (Hurricane Matthew 2016 and Hurricane Irma 2017), one historic flood (2015), a major ice storm (2014) and a record-setting snow event. There is no denying Berkeley County has experience with extreme weather response. With Almquist's passion for emergency preparedness, I have no doubt Berkeley County will be proactive and prepared for whatever lies ahead."

"I would like to thank the Berkeley County leadership for giving me this opportunity," said Berkeley County Director of Emergency Preparedness Ben Almquist. "I look forward to serving the people of Berkeley County and ensuring we are well-prepared for any future emergency situations."

"We are fortunate to have Ben Almquist as our new Director of Emergency Preparedness," said Director of Berkeley County Emergency Services Division Dan Barb. "With his background in emergency management and experience as regional manager for the States EMD, Ben will help multiply our efforts improving preparedness, response and recovery from disasters and emergencies that effect our communities within Berkeley County. Ben brings to us a wealth of knowledge and experience and we look forward to having him as part of our team in emergency services."

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