



## Legislation Text

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**Item:**

**Introduction of EMS Chief Paramedic Mark Lockhart (10min)**

**Date of BOCC Meeting:** January 25, 2021

**Request dor Board Action:**

The Board is requested to welcome Mr. Mark Lockhart as the new Chief Paramedic with the Office of Emergency Services (OES) Emergency Medical Services Division. Chief Paramedic Lockhart started his duties with Durham County on November 30, 2020. In this senior leadership role, Chief Paramedic Lockhart is responsible for leading and managing the daily operations of the Durham County EMS System, his responsibilities also include planning, clinical affairs, and professional development for the EMS team. He is a seasoned and dedicated emergency medical services executive with over 25 years of experience and expertise.

In his most recent professional role, Chief Paramedic Lockhart led the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, Division of Public Health as their EMS Section Chief. His responsibilities included managing the day-to-day operations of the state EMS office which oversees the education, licensure and certification of more than 18,000 practitioners and 800 emergency medical care services in the State of Wisconsin. Prior to joining the State of Wisconsin, he spent eight years in Stafford County, VA, as their County Fire and EMS chief where he led the administrative, logistics/fleet, EMS and training divisions. Before serving in Stafford County, VA Lockhart rose through the ranks from EMS officer to chief of the Maryland Heights, MO Fire and EMS District from 1995-2010.

Chief Paramedic Lockhart has served in leadership positions with the National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians, the International Association of Fire Chief's (IAFC) EMS Section, and the National Association of State EMS Officials. He is the recipient of several state and national awards, most notably as the 2009 recipient of the James O. Page EMS Achievement Award and a 2012 recipient of the Meritorious Service Medal, both from the IAFC. He also graduated from the University of Virginia Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service Senior Executive Institute (SEI) in 2013.

**Alignment with Strategic Plan:** Having a talented and experienced EMS Chief Paramedic strongly supports Goals 3: Safe Community and Goal 4: Health and Well-being of the County's strategic plan.

**Resource Persons:** Jim Groves, OES Director and Jodi Miller, Goal 3 General Manager

**County Manager's Recommendation:** The County Manager recommends that the Board welcome Chief Paramedic Mark Lockhart to Durham County.

County Manager: \_\_\_\_\_