



## COUNTY OF AMHERST

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### New Director of Public Safety

After reviewing and interviewing candidates from across Virginia, the County Administrator and Board of Supervisors are pleased to announce that Sam Bryant will serve as the new Director of Public Safety for Amherst County.

Sam started his extensive emergency services career at Amherst Life Saving Crew as a volunteer in 1983, where he remains a Life Member. He served over 20 years in the United States Army as a flight medic leading 30 soldiers and flight medics, and attaining the rank of Flight Platoon Sergeant.

Sam also had 21 years of service with the Lynchburg Fire Department where he earned the rank of Captain. Sam served as an Engine Company Captain in fire suppression and EMS for 5 years as part of the Hazardous Materials Team. Sam was one of the original EMS Captains for Lynchburg Fire Department. He has a multitude of certifications that include Nationally Registered Paramedic, Critical Care Emergency Medical Transport Paramedic, Fire Instructor I, Fire Officer 2, various Technical Rescue and Hazardous Materials certifications along with a great deal of practical experience in both the Fire and EMS areas.

In 2010 went to work for the Federal Bureau of Investigation as a Physical Security Specialist performing paramedic support during national security missions and Hazardous Materials operations traveling abroad and across the United States. Sam was one of the original flight paramedics for the Virginia State Police Med-flight III program based in Lynchburg in 2001. Upon returning to this area in 2013, Sam has worked for Centra Health on the Centra 1 helicopter as a flight paramedic providing emergency air transport. He has been serving as the Deputy Director of Amherst County Public Safety since September 8, 2014. He has served as Acting Director since the prior Director's departure April 27, 2018.

Sam has an Associate Degree in Fire Science & EMS from Central Virginia Community College and a Bachelor's of Science degree from Liberty University. Sam will start as Director of Public Safety on Monday June 4, 2018.

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