

Dear Members and Supporters of the North Carolina Emergency Management Association

We are thrilled to announce the appointment of Mr. James Mercer as our new Executive Director, effective July 1, 2024. With over 35 years of distinguished service in the U.S. Army, U.S. Army Reserve, and North Carolina National Guard, along with extensive experience in emergency management and public service, Mr. Mercer brings a wealth of expertise to our organization.



James Mercer's career includes pivotal roles such as Director of Emergency Services for Edgecombe County, Director of Emergency Management for the City of Raleigh, and Deputy Fire Marshal for Nash County. He holds an impressive academic background, including an A.A.S. in Criminal Justice from Nash Community College, a B.S. in Behavioral Science from Shaw University, and a M.A. in Non-Profit Management from Grace College and Seminary. Currently serving as the Director of Military Studies at North Carolian Wesleyan College, Mr. Mercer continues to contribute to both education and community service.

Beyond his professional achievements, Mr. Mercer and his family have established the Mercer Foundation, dedicated to supporting homeless veterans and providing nourishment to disadvantaged children in Nash and Edgecombe Counties. His commitment to public service and community welfare exemplifies his leadership style and dedication to making a difference.

As Mr. Mercer assumes the role of Executive Director, we anticipate his leadership will enhance our association's mission and impact. His expertise in fundraising, marketing, and non-profit administration will undoubtedly steer us towards greater success and resilience.

Please join us in welcoming Mr. James Mercer to the North Carolina Emergency Management Association. We are confident that under his guidance, we will reach new heights in service to our community and state.

Warm regards,

A blue ink handwritten signature, appearing to read 'Stacie A. Miles', written in a cursive style.

Stacie A. Miles, CEM, MPA
President
North Carolina Emergency Management Association