

In the Spotlight

Highlighting Exceptional Employees

Barry McLamb Emergency Management Coordinator

Barry McLamb has been working for the Town of Chapel Hill since October 1990 when he began as a Public Safety Officer. In 1992, he transferred to the Fire Department where he has moved through the ranks of Captain in 1997 to Battalion Chief in 2003.

This month, Town Manager Roger Stancil announced Barry as the new Emergency Management Coordinator.

Barry has also served in the U.S. Air Force Reserves for more than 25 years after three years of active duty. Now a Master Sergeant, Barry serves in the 916th Civil Engineer Squadron out of Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, where he is the Assistant Chief of Health and Safety for the Fire Emergency Services Flight.

Barry says that because of his new role as Emergency Management Coordinator, the Town's value of Responsibility speaks to him most.

"This position has duties that impact the jobs of many other employees," he says. "Taking pride and ownership of the work I do is a personal value and something that is a trademark of the fire service."

Barry says the struggles he was facing in college at NC State pointed him to active duty with the

Air Force. He got multiple benefits out of it, too, spending his first two years in Galena, Alaska, fulfilling his desire for travel and adventure. He also continued his education while in the Air Force and eventually finished his degree through Mount Olive College in 2000.

Barry lives in Alamance County, between Mebane and Saxapahaw. He has two "four-legged kids", rescue dogs Eirene and Petey.

In any spare time he can find, Barry says he likes to watch any football game he can find and loves to travel and see new places.

"I go somewhere every year that I've never been before," Barry says. "It's not always far away or glamourous."

This year, he says he plans to visit his best friend from active duty in Omaha, Neb.

Barry says it is also his goal to visit all of the North Carolina wineries in the western part of the state. "I'm not a fan of the sweet stuff from down east," Barry says. "I've been to a lot of them, but I'm not even close to reaching my goal."

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Value in the Spotlight Responsibility



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