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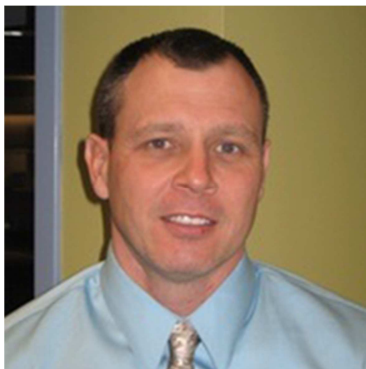
Consolidated Dispatch Agency Director Hired

Today, Timothy A. Lee was officially announced as the director of the Consolidated Dispatch Agency (CDA). The CDA is a joint agency steered by the City of Tallahassee, Leon County and the Leon County Sheriff's Office.

Lee brings more than 19 years of public safety experience to Tallahassee and Leon County. He most recently served as the executive director for the Fort Wayne and Allen County Consolidated Communication Partnership (CCP), which serves 20 life-saving agencies in northeast Indiana. His appointment with the CDA is effective Monday, February 3.

"I'm confident that with his background and expertise in operating this type of agency, Mr. Lee will provide the kind of strong leadership and keen oversight necessary to operate the CDA, which is home to our community's public safety agencies and operations," said City of Tallahassee Manager Anita Favors Thompson.

Leon County Administrator Vincent S. Long agrees. "The Consolidated Dispatch Agency ensures quick and effective emergency response when seconds matter most," Long said. "Mr. Lee brings extensive background and proven ability to ensure the success of this operation. He will be a great asset to this community."



Lee is a Marine Corps veteran who, prior to leading the CCP, spent 15 years working for the Allen County Sheriff's Office. Some of his career highlights include serving on the Presidential Honor Guard, working as a dispatch coordinator responsible for dispatching 27 agencies, managing the implementation of a 1.5 million dollar next generation E-911 phone project and chairing a statewide committee to standardize minimum standards for public safety dispatching in the state of Indiana. Lee holds an associate's degree in Computer Information Systems and a bachelor's degree in Computer Science Management Information Sciences.

"With the hiring of Mr. Lee as the director of the Consolidated Dispatch Agency, this community continues its commitment to providing professional emergency services to all citizens and our first responders," said Sheriff Larry Campbell. "As your elected Sheriff, I have high standards and great expectations for the director of the CDA, and I am confident that Mr. Lee has the experience and the leadership abilities to serve the citizens of our community and lead the CDA."

The CDA operates 24/7 and was formed to combine the communication functions of Emergency Medical Services, Fire and Law Enforcement for Leon County, the City of Tallahassee and the Leon County Sheriff's Office. The sophisticated, state-of-the-art joint dispatch operation system is a significant element of the new Public Safety Complex, located at 911 Easterwood Drive. With the consolidation, agencies are now working side by side, and residents receive public safety responses more efficiently as dispatchers are able to immediately determine what services are needed, who is closest to the scene and what resources can best resolve the situation.

In his new position, Lee will manage a staff of 100 and maintain responsibility for a \$7.6 million budget.

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