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Subject: New CERT Coordinator Appointed

Camdenton, MO - The Camden County, MO Emergency Management Agency announced today that Mr. James Vaughn has been appointed as the new Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Coordinator as of January 2, 2023. The Camden County, MO CERT pursues a three-pronged approach to support the community response and preparedness efforts: ensure the safety of our members during emergency operations, provide support to our first responders, and to assist with events in our community.

As CERT Coordinator, Mr. Vaughn will assist with overseeing CERT's day-to-day operations, including management of the team's activities, direction, and training. Mr. Vaughn will work closely with members of the Camden County EMA staff and other served agencies to fulfill volunteer requirements provided via Memorandums of Understanding and/or Agreement. Mr. Vaughn will be responsible for managing all assets, equipment, and paperwork for the team.

In his other capacities, Mr. Vaughn serves as the Fire Chief of both the Sleeper and Stoutland Fire Departments and as an interim board member of the Stoutland Fire Department. The knowledge and experience he brings to the Coordinator position will help to improve the capabilities of the CERT volunteers.

When asked for his vision for the team for 2023, Mr. Vaughn said, "I want everyone to have fun and give them a way to help their communities and first responders. I want to make sure they get all the training they need to do their job. They may need to face challenges, in the event of a tornado or some other emergency, such as seeing things they never thought they would see. I want to be there for them if they need someone to talk to should that happen."