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Hiring of Lincoln County Emergency Management Planner

(Lincolnton) Lincoln County Manager Davin W. Madden with Emergency Services Director Ronald D. Rombs, Sr. announced today that Joshua R. Holland has been named as the Emergency Management Planner for Lincoln County effective May 22, 2023. Holland comes to Lincoln County after serving 20 years in the U.S. Army where he began his passion for serving and assisting others as a Military Police Officer. Holland has over 10 years of experience in operations and planning within the Directorate of Emergency Services. During his tenure as a Military Police Officer, he deployed five times in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom earning him several commendations for his actions while serving in a combat environment.

Holland grew up in Bessemer City, a graduate of Bessemer City High School and earned his Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice along with a Master's Degree in Homeland Security and Emergency Management from Purdue University. He lives in Gaston County with his daughter and in his spare time enjoys spending time with his daughter and playing golf.

We are excited to welcome Josh to our Emergency Management Team. The role of the EM planner is to assist Lincoln County in preparing for, responding to, and mitigating the impacts of disasters and emergency situations in a multi-hazard and holistic approach to emergency preparedness. "Josh brings a wealth of knowledge and skills to Lincoln County and we look forward to utilizing these in our efforts to serve and protect our community," said Rombs.

"Being able to continue to serve the public as the Emergency Management Planner for Lincoln County is truly an honor and I am grateful for the chance to expand my knowledge and to be able to continue to give back to the community. I've had family in Lincoln County for most of my life and truly love how friendly and welcoming the people of Lincoln County are. I look forward to



helping the community and continuing to make it a safer county for all those that live in it.", says Joshua Holland.

Joshua can be reached at joshua.holland@lincolncounty.org or at 704-736-8661.

