

L.V. Pokey Harris

Executive Director of the North Carolina 911



Pokey Harris serves as the Executive Director of the North Carolina 911 Board responsible for guiding the 17-member Board in identifying issues and making policy decisions based on strategic direction established by the Board. She collaborates with all PSAPs across North Carolina, DIT staff and leadership, and the many stakeholders representative of the organizations and associations vested in the delivery of 911 services throughout the state.

For over 25 years, L. V. Pokey Harris has been employed in public safety within emergency services. Pokey has extensive knowledge and experience in 911, public safety communications, emergency management, emergency medical services, as well as local government and private sector management.

She has a Master's Degree in Public Administration with a concentration in Emergency Management from Jacksonville State University. She is currently a member of the National Emergency Number Association (NENA); Association of Public Safety Communications Officers (APCO) and holds her certification as an Emergency Number Professional (ENP). Pokey is certified in Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD); Emergency Fire Dispatch (EFD) and possesses various certifications for the National Incident Management System (NIMS). She has been appointed to the North Carolina Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee (SIEC) and serves as a member of the NC State Medical Assistance Team 800 (SMAT 800).

Prior to her move to North Carolina in 2015, Pokey served on numerous boards, committees, and working groups in Virginia and was awarded the State of Virginia Governor's Award for Excellence in EMS (2013).

Pokey and her husband Steve reside in Benson on a small rural farm where they enjoy trail riding, camping and raising their horses, mules and cows. Pokey enjoys serving as Sunday School teacher at Benson Grove Baptist Church for the Kindergarten/First Grade class.