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Media Release

HRECC Names 2016 Communicator of the Year



Harrisonburg, VA – The Harrisonburg-Rockingham Emergency Communications Center (HRECC) held its annual awards ceremony yesterday, which coincided with National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week.

The HRECC recognized a number of employees, including three communicators who were honored for their work in administering lifesaving, pre-arrival instructions through the use of emergency medical dispatching (EMD) during 2016.

As part of that ceremony, the HRECC selected Master Communicator Kenzie Herring as the 2016 Communicator of the Year. Herring has been employed by the ECC since 2013 and she embodies the pillars of ECC operation with her professionalism, accountability, consistency, excellence, teamwork, and pride.

“Kenzie makes her work in the ECC a priority and has proven to be a leader within our organization,” added Jim Junkins, director of emergency communications.

Herring was very familiar with public safety when she began her career in emergency communications. She grew up with a family heavily involved in law enforcement and has a true understanding of the importance her role plays for the public safety responders and the community.

Members of the ECC administration were joined by Kenzie’s father, retired Rockingham County Sheriff’s Office Deputy Craig Herring; her grandfather, retired Rockingham County Sheriff’s Office Major Nelson Herring; and her grandmother, retired Rockingham County Records Supervisor Marie Herring in the presentation of this award.

Master Communicator Herring is available for interviews. Please contact Dee Dee Sencindiver at 540-830-9113 or ddsencindiver@hrecc.org to set up an interview time.

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