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Pasco Public Safety Branch leadership changes

~~Kevin Guthrie named Assistant County Administrator for Public Safety~~

PASCO COUNTY, FL ---- The [Pasco County Board of County Commissioners](#) (BOCC) has voted to name Kevin Guthrie Assistant County Administrator for the Public Safety Branch, effective June 12, 2017. This vote was based on the recommendation of County Administrator Dan Biles and was passed by the board during the June 6, 2017 regular BOCC meeting in Dade City.

“I’d like to thank the County Commissioners and County Administrator for putting their trust in me,” said Kevin Guthrie. “I’m excited about what we’ve accomplished in the Emergency Services Department over the past year and I look forward to leading the entire public safety team.”

Fire Chief Scott Cassin stepped up and filled the role of Acting Assistant County Administrator for Public Safety in November, 2015. He is pleased to be returning to his full-time role as Pasco County Fire Chief and will transfer his Assistant County Administrator duties to Kevin Guthrie on June 12, 2017.

Guthrie joined the Pasco County team as Emergency Management Director in February, 2016. He was quickly promoted to Emergency Services Director in April, 2016. As Assistant County Administrator for Public Safety, Guthrie will retain the statutory authority for the Division of Emergency Management in times of disaster.

Guthrie served as a law enforcement officer for the Jacksonville Sheriff’s Office in Duval County, Florida (JSO) for 24 years – including 7 years as Emergency Preparedness Coordinator. After retiring from law enforcement, Guthrie joined Flagler County as Emergency Management Director for 3 years before making the move to Pasco County.

Pasco County Emergency Manager Laura Black will oversee the [Division of Emergency Management](#) during non-disaster operations. Black joined Pasco County’s Division of Emergency Management as the Assistant Emergency Management Director in June, 2016.

Captain Dan Olds, of the Pasco Sheriff’s Office (PSO), will lead the [Division of Public Safety Communications](#). Olds joined the PSO 17 years ago, most recently serving as 911 Communications Center Assistant Director.

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