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**Martin County 9-1-1 Communications Director, Jason Steward,
Earns ENP Professional Certification**

WILLIAMSTON, NC – Martin County’s 9-1-1 Communications Director, Jason Steward, recently earned the ENP (Emergency Number Professional) professional certification from NENA (the National Emergency Number Association). According to the NENA website [<https://www.nena.org/page/enpcertification2017>], “Certification is a tool of a professional association to establish the benchmarks of performance that will signify a broad-based competence in the professional field.” The website further states that by successfully completing certification, an individual:

- Demonstrates a mastery of the comprehensive knowledge base required for emergency number program management.
- Helps raise industry standards and increase the respect and prestige of those involved in 9-1-1.
- Confirms his commitment to the 9-1-1 profession by showing yourself to be a leader in public safety and pledges himself to stay aware of current issues and developments in the field.

County Manager David Bone stated, “It takes years of experience and education to even be eligible to take the ENP certification test. The test is extremely challenging, and Jason earning the certification is a positive reflection on him, his department and Martin County.”

David Bone added, “We are proud of Jason’s commitment to personal and professional development. Jason completed his Master’s Degree in Criminal Justice from Methodist University in December, and he continually strives to improve the 9-1-1 Communications Department and 9-1-1 services for our citizens.”

9-1-1 Communications Director Jason Steward added, “I’m proud to have been awarded this certification to use as a tool to strive toward continuous improvement in emergency services for the citizens of Martin County. Special thanks is due to our County Commissioners and Manager for their continuous support and commitment to staff development.”

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