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## **City of Columbia Names New Director of Columbia-Richland 911 Communications**

Today, Mike King Assistant City Manager of Public Safety announced that Mrs. Kimberly R. Gathers is the new Director of the Columbia-Richland 911 Communications. The announcement was made during the City Council meeting.

Director Gathers began her career in Public Safety Communications in 1985 and has more than 25 years of training and experience. She has served in several positions to include Telecommunicator, Shift Supervisor, Operations Manager and Deputy Director. These 25+ years of training, knowledge, and experience have prepared her for the position of Director.

She has received several awards over the years: being recognized as the City of Columbia Employee of the Month and the Association of Public Safety Communication Officials (APCO) Telecommunicator of the Year.

Director Gathers has a strong passion for public safety and considers this opportunity to serve as Director a privilege and honor. She is dedicated and committed to working hard, along with the entire Columbia-Richland 911 Communications team, to provide excellence in service to the citizens of the City of Columbia and Richland County.

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