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LARRY FISHER HIRED AS COUNTY CHIEF OF PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATIONS & LEROY PIERCE HIRED AS FIRE ACADEMY DIRECTOR

(SALEM, NJ)-- Freeholder Director Lee Ware and Freeholder Dave Lindenmuth today announced the hiring of Larry Fisher as the Chief of Public Safety Telecommunications and Leroy Pierce as the Fire Academy Director in the Office of Emergency Management (OEM). Mr. Fisher replaces Jack Ayars and will be in charge of all activities of the Communications Center and is responsible for the overall planning, review, and implementation of the entire communication system, and may oversee the work of several Supervising Public Safety Telecommunicators. The Fire Academy Director position is a new full time position for Salem County this year**.** Mr. Pierce will be in-charge of planning, organizing, directing, and coordinating the operation of a vocational training facility designed to provide training and instruction to firefighting personnel.

"We are pleased that Larry and Leroy have accepted these positions," said Freeholder David Lindenmuth. "Before being hired as the Chief of Public Safety Telecommunications, Larry Fisher held several public safety related positions. Mr. Fisher has served as a Public Safety Communicator, and was then promoted to Senior Public Safety Telecommunicator with Salem County Emergency Services. We are excited to bring Larry's knowledge and experience to this position."

Larry Fisher is a Penns Grove High School graduate, and is a resident of the Borough of Penns Grove. Mr. Fisher also holds an associates degree in Criminal Justice from Salem Community College. He has received certification from the *National Communications Institute for Developing Policies and Procedures Manuals*.

"Hiring Leroy Peirce as Fire Academy Director is a step in the right direction," said Freeholder Lindenmuth. "Mr. Pierce has experience with the New Jersey and Delaware State Police. Leroy is a member of *Salem County Remembers 9-11 Committee*, and the *Quinton Township Youth League* just to name a couple of the many organizations that he belongs to. We are confident that Leroy Pierce will be an excellent addition to Salem County as his experience and certifications are invaluable to this new position. Emergency response personnel from across the County will benefit from our commitment to expand our County Fire Academy and staff it with a full time director and we look forward to sharing our plans for the future with the dedicated volunteers in our County."

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Leroy Peirce has attended and received credit from Salem Community College and Penn State University, and is a resident of Pennsville Township. He also has received certification from the *Pennsylvania State Fire Academy*, *New Jersey Bureau of Fire Safety*, and the *Underwood Memorial Hospital/Gloucester County E.M.S. Academy*.

"We welcome Larry Fisher and Leroy Pierce into their new positions," said Director Ware. "Mr. Pierce and Mr. Fisher both possess a wealth of knowledge and experience which will serve as an asset to the County. We look forward to their continued success in these new roles as they continue to make a difference in Salem County."

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