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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

*Delaware County—EMA Director selected to run 9-1-1 Emergency Communications Center*  
Brian Galligher, current director of the Delaware County Emergency Management Agency (EMA) and Office of Homeland Security, has been selected to be the Director of the Delaware County 9-1-1 Emergency Communications Center.

Galligher has been with EMA since 2006 and has guided the expansion of the agency to meet the demands of one of Ohio's fastest growing counties. Previously, Galligher served as a Radiological Analyst/Field Liaison at the State of Ohio EMA and an Intelligence Officer in the U.S. Navy Reserve. His leadership earned him the Joint Commendation Medal for his role in the command center during the 2011 earthquake in Japan.

With his Master of Science degree in Public Administration from Central Michigan University and undergrad Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental Science from Tri-State University in Indiana, Galligher also has experience in disaster response as well as facilitating a variety of types of leadership training.

"We are excited about Brian moving into this new role. His past leadership experience with emergency operations and demonstrated ability to work with boards and committees will prove invaluable as we move forward," shared Chief Gary Vest, president, 9-1-1 Board of Directors.

At the conclusion of today's session, the Delaware County Board of Commissioners voted to hire Galligher effective July 1, 2013. Commissioner Gary Merrell said, "As a commissioner and member of the 9-1-1 Administrative Committee, I was pleased with the thorough process in evaluating who could best direct Delaware County 9-1-1. Brian will lead this very critical department in ensuring quality dispatching of services to those in Delaware County in need."

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