



Get to know our Staff



The Planning & Community Development Department would like to welcome James Mims, Fire Marshal as he joins our department.

James has been riding a fire truck and ambulance in Currituck since he was 13. He is one of the original 6 paid employees hired for Currituck County Fire and EMS in 1988.

He has an Associates Degree in Fire Science and a Masters Degree in Biblical Studies. He enjoys spending time with his wife, his children, and grandchildren.

James has been the Fire Marshal for Currituck County since January 1999 and brings a great deal of knowledge and experience to our department.

Residential Elevators

Recently, there has been two events involving elevators where injuries occurred.

Please make sure your elevators in rental homes are maintained and inspected once a year at a bare minimum.



Land Use Plan Update

In the coming months the county will begin the process of updating the Land Use Plan (LUP). The current LUP was adopted in 2006 and is a broad policy document that establishes community goals for future growth and development. The location, density and intensity of new development is heavily influenced by this planning document. The county also uses the LUP as a guide for planning future county facilities and infrastructure improvements. The update process will take 18 to 24 months to complete and typically includes significant public participation and community input. Please plan to participate in this process and help set the road map for the future of Currituck County.

Look for more information in the Fall of 2015.

Emergency Response Access Ways

In order for emergency service units such as Fire, EMS, and Law Enforcement to perform their duties using all their highly trained personnel, newest technological equipment, and resources they must also be able to get all their equipment and personnel within close proximity of the emergency.

The Commissioners recently adopted an ordinance that restricts the growth of shrubs, trees or other vegetation that impedes public safety vehicle and firefighting equipment ingress and egress in the following locations that are utilized as public safety vehicle and firefighting access routes and areas: private street easements, private drives, parking lots and/or drive isles, fire hydrant easements, designated fire lanes or other public vehicular areas.

No vegetation obstructions may be within a 20' wide and 13'6" tall area that would slow or hinder emergency services to perform their duties



Other things to think about:

- Homes must be well identified with proper address.
- Driveway must be adequate for the weight, width, and height of modern emergency equipment.
- Do you have a 20' wide and 13'6" tall area clear of brush, limbs, traffic calming devices (speed bumps), parked vehicles and/or holes

For more information contact James Mims, Fire Marshal at (252)232-6641.

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Helpful Links

- ◆ [Daily Inspection Schedule](#)
- ◆ [North Carolina Department of Insurance website](#)
- ◆ [Code Interpretations](#)
- ◆ [FEMA Publications](#)
- ◆ [UDO](#)
- ◆ Applications & Forms
 - ◇ [Inspections](#)
 - ◇ [Planning & Zoning](#)

Your Inspection Team

May 2015

- ◆ **473 Total Building Permits Issued**
- ◆ **779 Total Inspections Performed**
- ◆ **51 Total Re-Inspections Performed**

County Corner

The Currituck Board of Commissioners adopted two resolutions, on June 15, 2015, that allow meetings to begin earlier and have business items placed higher on the agenda. Get details of the resolutions on CurrituckGovernment.com.

