



LEXINGTON COUNTY

Department of Public Safety



Fire Service

Emergency Medical Service



Communications

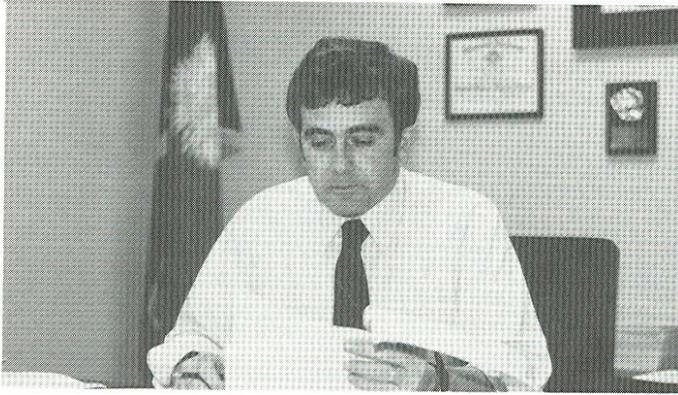
Dial - 911

Emergency Preparedness



Animal Control

1987-1988
\$2.00 DONATION



Charles Whitehead

Director
Department of
Public Safety

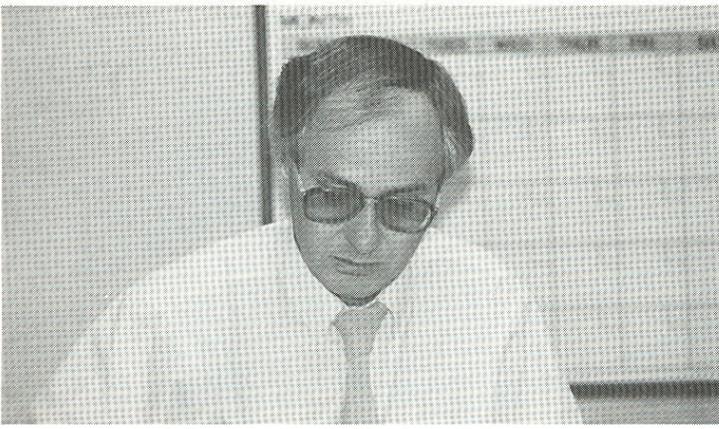
The Department of Public Safety was created in 1974 by an ordinance passed by the County Council. This ordinance charged the Director of Public Safety with the responsibility of developing and supervising the operations of the County Fire Service, Emergency Medical Service, Emergency Preparedness (Civil Defense), Central Communications Center and Animal Control.

Mr. Charles Whitehead was employed as Public Safety Director for Lexington County in July of 1979. He and his wife Mary have two children, Jeffrey and Julie. Mr. Whitehead was born in Lafayette, Alabama, and graduated from Lafayette High School and the University of South Carolina. He was previously employed with SLED and the FBI.

He is a certified paramedic, State of South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control; certified State of South Carolina Police Instructor; and certified Firefighter, Lexington County Fire Service.

Mr. Whitehead belongs to the following organizations: S.C. Fireman's Association, S.C. Law Enforcement Officers Association, Lexington County Arson Investigators, S.C. Chapter of Associate Public Safety Communications Officers Association, Lexington County Fire Officers Association, International Association of Arson Investigators, National Association of Counties, Lexington County Community Development Committee, University of South Carolina Alumni, and Gamecock Booster Club for Athletics.

He has also received the following special awards: National Finalist in competition sponsored by U.S. Fire Administration for Fellowship to Harvard University's Program for Senior Executives in State and Local Government; Letter of Commendation from the Honorable James B. Edwards, former Governor of the State of South Carolina, and Secretary for the U.S. Department of Energy, for job performance; Meritorious Promotion by Military Promotion Board for knowledge of Service and Job Performance, U.S. Marine Corps; recognized by Lexington County Fire Chief's Association in 1980 for unselfish devotion of Fire Service; recognized by Boiling Springs Community Club and the Lexington County Community Development Association as the 1983 "Man of the Year."



Mr. Dan Watts

Deputy Director Of
Public Safety

The Deputy Director of Public Safety is charged with the responsibility of taking over the entire operations in the absence of the Director of Public Safety. He also keeps up with budget spending in the Department of Public Safety. He maintains personnel records for all divisions within the department and attends all meetings with the director on matters of utmost importance. He also acts as a liaison between the Director and department coordinators.

Mr. Dan Watts and his wife Cheryl have one daughter, Beth. Mr. Watts was born in Horry County, S.C., and graduated from Loris High School. He was employed by Lexington County in 1974 as Chief Dispatcher, Communications Division. In 1975 he became Communications Coordinator and in 1985 became Deputy Director of Public Safety.

Mr. Watts is a member of the following organizations: S.C. Law Enforcement Officers Association, Lexington County Law Enforcement Officers Association, Lexington County Fire Officers Association, S.C. Chapter of Associated Public Safety Communications Officers (APCO), past president, currently secretary/treasurer, and Regional Chapter of Associated Public Safety Communications Officers.

DRIVE SAFELY



DIAL 911

FOR EMERGENCIES

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE



Lexington County E.M.S.

The Lexington County Emergency Medical Services answers over 10,000 emergency calls each year, ranging from heart attacks to vehicle accidents.

The Division is organized under the Department of Public Safety and is capable of full advanced life support (paramedic level care). Additionally, the service provides vehicle extrication with power tools and high level rescue.

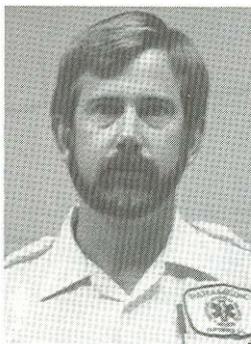
The creation of a countrywide EMS was authorized by the Lexington County in the early 1970's. Before 1970, emergency calls were provided by funeral homes and volunteer rescue squads.

Following its implementation the service evolved very quickly from its primitive state to a modern and efficient system. As early as June, 1976, the Division was receiving statewide recognition and was awarded the County Achievement Awards by the South Carolina Association of County. Today, Lexington County EMS is recognized as among the best within the Southeast.

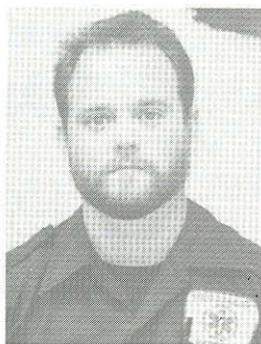
Seven substations are located throughout Lexington County. Each is assigned one unit with a Paramedic and an EMT. Each station is strategically located so that its response area overlaps into the adjacent one. Frequently when several crews are on call, units are positioned in key locations whereas they can cover several areas. These tactics are coordinated with the 911 Central Communications Center and enable the service to maintain a very fast average response time. This system is further augmented by Fire Service first responder units, the Batesburg Rescue Squad and Pelion Rescue Squad.

At the core of any organization is its people. In order to accomplish its mission with excellence, they must be well equipped, superbly trained and properly lead. The mission of Lexington County EMS is to save lives and this they do with excellence — ten thousand times a year.

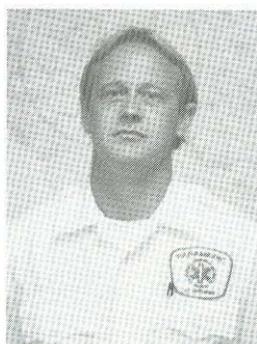
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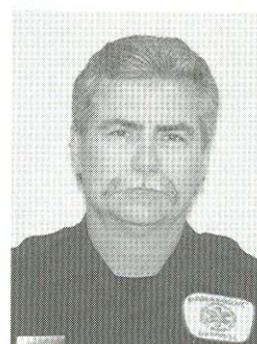
TOM A. GROSS
Shift Supervisor
10 Years



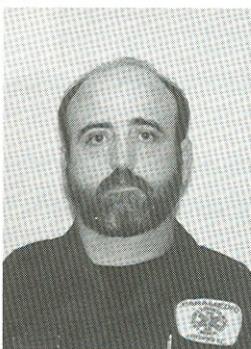
BILLY L. BURNES
Senior Paramedic
7½ Years



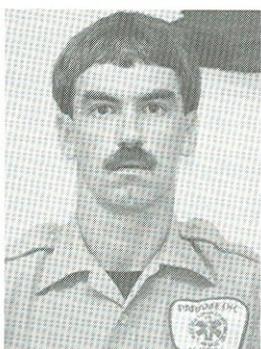
DANIEL C. FORCE
Senior Paramedic
14 Years



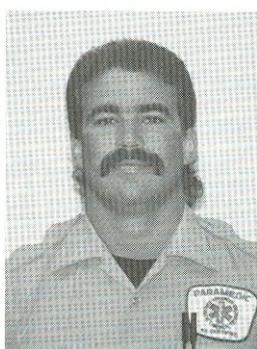
JOHN R. LILLARD
Senior Paramedic
12 Years



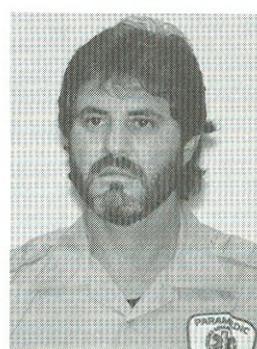
JOHN W. SMITH
Senior Paramedic
5½ Years



JERRY FOWLER
Paramedic
1 Year



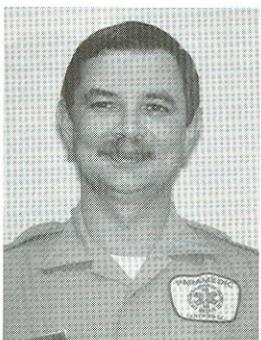
KEN A. GYPIN
Paramedic
4 Years



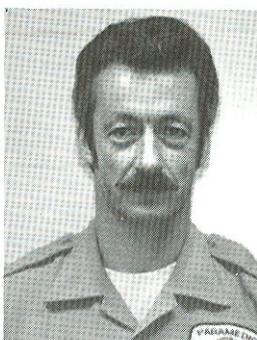
TOM HAMMOND
Paramedic
18 Years



TERRY HORTON
Paramedic
6 Years



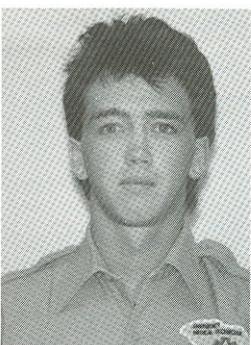
JOHN RUFF
Paramedic
5½ Years



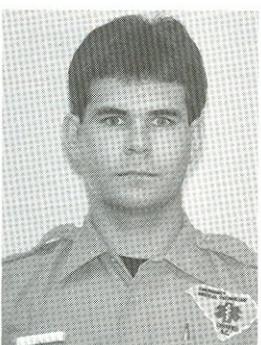
JAMES F. SULLIVAN
Paramedic
6 Years



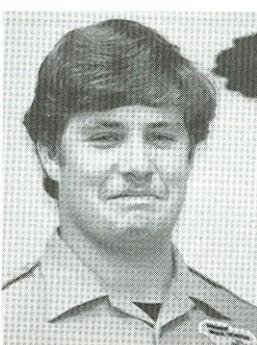
TERRY WALTERS
Paramedic
4 Years



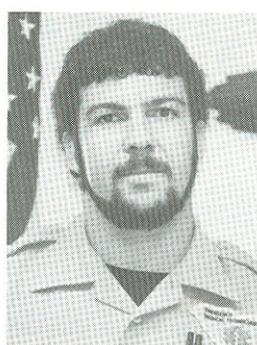
ERIC BUSHEY
EMT
1½ Years



SETH R. DYKE
EMT
1 Year

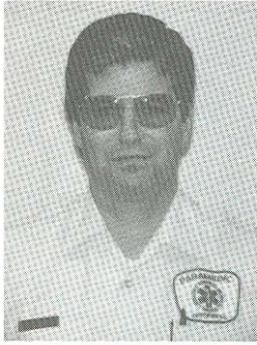


ROBERT MCKEEVER
EMT
3 Years

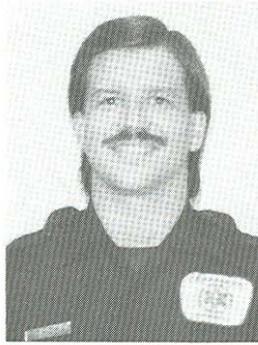


GARY WALLER
EMT
10 Years

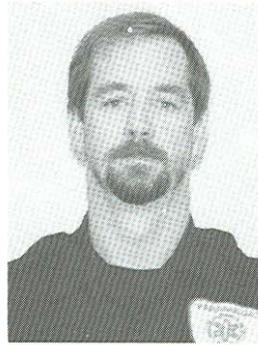
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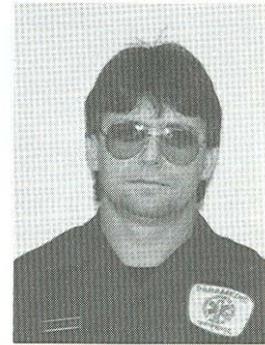
MIKE CATOE
Shift Supervisor
16 Years



DAVID H. DIXON
Senior Paramedic
7 Years



JOHN C. HOPKINS
Senior Paramedic
8 Years



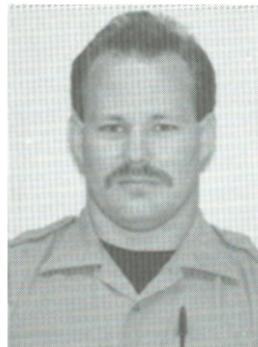
RON FARR
Senior Paramedic
8 Years



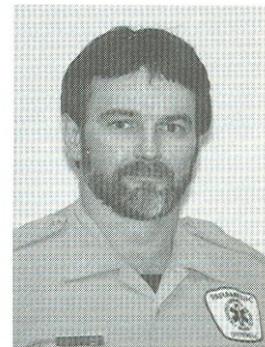
CAROL L. BOWEN
Paramedic
7 Years



HOWARD BURGESS
Paramedic
4 Years



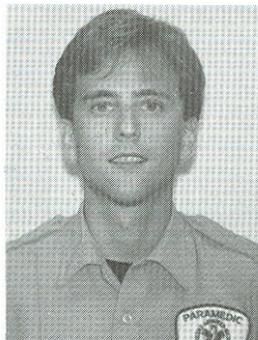
SCOTT CARROLL
Paramedic
2 Years



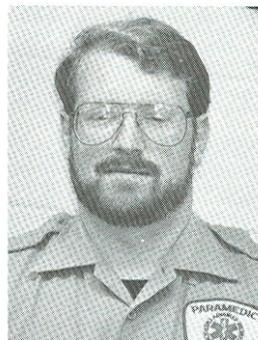
TERRY A. KILLINGER
Paramedic
4 Years



VICKIE MCLEMORE
Paramedic
3 Years



CURTIS NOLF
Paramedic
3 Years



J. STUART PLATT
Paramedic
3½ Years



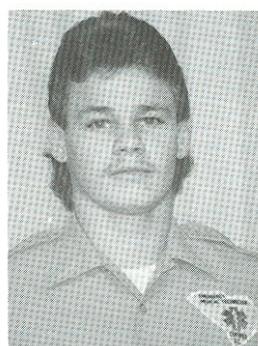
J. DAVID BERGERON
EMT
2 Years



MICHAEL DUNDEE
EMT
3 Years



DAVID HUNTER
EMT
1½ Years



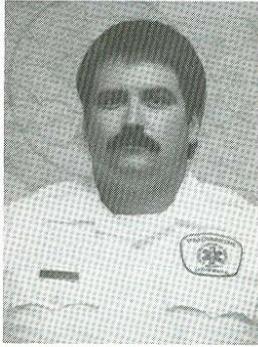
JOHNNY JEFFERSON
EMT
6 Months



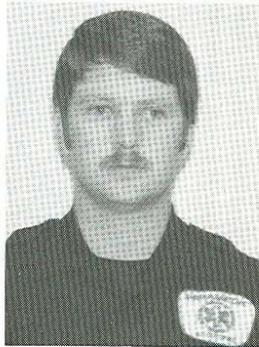
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EMT

—E.M.S.—

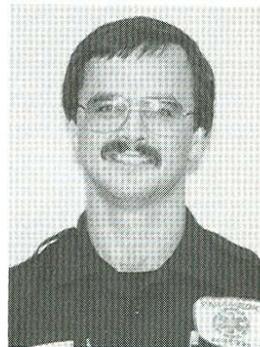
Shift — C



BROWN CANTRELL
Shift Supervisor
14 Years



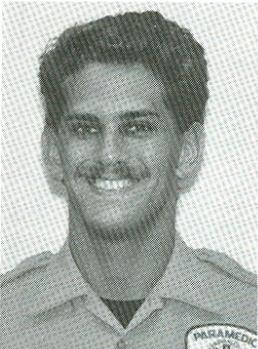
GLEN MILLER
Senior Paramedic
13 Years



RICHARD E. MCMANUS, JR.
Senior Paramedic
10 Years



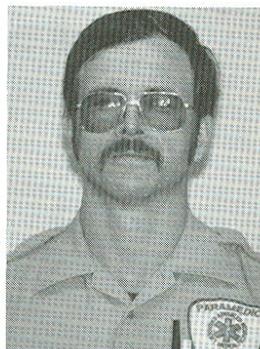
DAVID W. SHULL
Senior Paramedic
10 Years



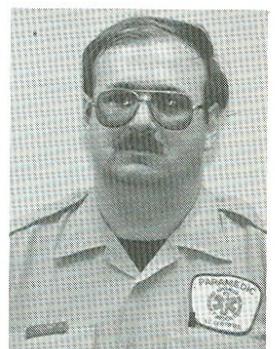
CESAR A. DIAZ, JR.
Paramedic
2½ Years



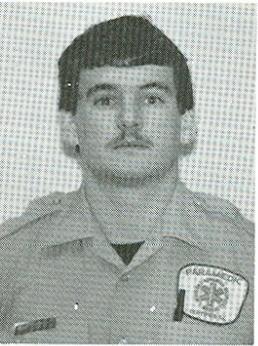
EVELYN MATTHEWS
Paramedic
9 Years



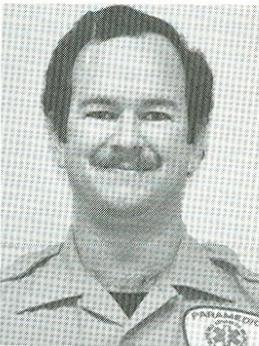
GARY A. SEIBERT
Paramedic
1 Year



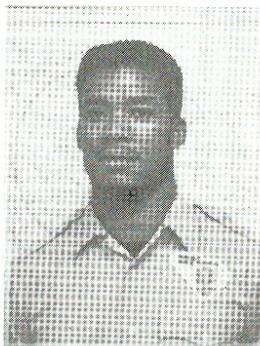
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Paramedic
4 Years



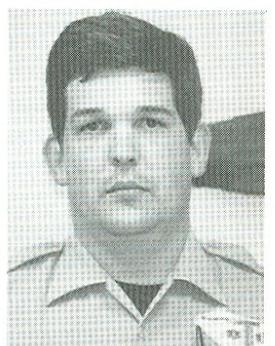
GARRY SEMONES
Paramedic
3 Years



T. DAVID WILKIE
Paramedic
8 Years



THEODORE R. BYRD
EMT
3 Years



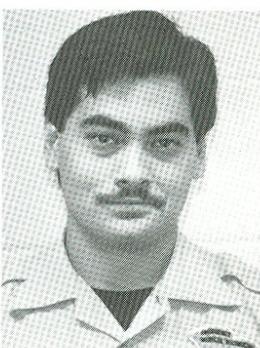
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EMT
2 Years



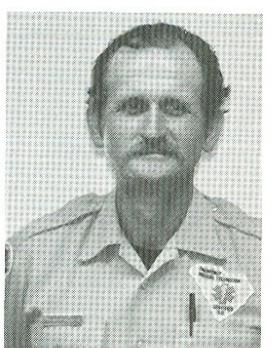
JENNY DRAFTS
EMT
6 Months



CANDACE S. GLOVER
EMT
1½ Years



GEORGE E. HARDY
EMT
3 Months



JOHN L. WINDHORN, III
EMT
12 Years

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