Karima Holmes, ENP

Over the course of my 20-plus years in the dynamic realm of 911 emergency communications, my professional journey has been defined by an unwavering commitment to excellence, leadership, and advocacy. I am excited to present myself as a candidate for the National Emergency Number Association’s Board as Private Sector Director.

Drawing upon my extensive experience to contribute meaningfully to the future of emergency communications. My career has been marked by a diverse range of experiences, from the grassroots level of small emergency communication centers to the strategic leadership of medium and large-scale operations. This hands-on experience has provided me with a nuanced understanding of the intricate challenges faced at every tier of emergency communication, making me adept at crafting effective solutions that address the unique needs of each setting.

Beyond the operational realm, my engagement at the national level extends into board roles within the federal government, non-profit organizations, and the private sector. These experiences have deepened my understanding of governance, strategic planning, and collaboration, vital skills that I am eager to leverage in contributing to the broader discourse surrounding emergency communications.

One of the hallmarks of my professional journey has been the opportunity to advocate for our field on a national stage. My years of leadership in 911 centers have been complemented by a proactive engagement with elected officials, including impactful interactions with members of Congress. Through these experiences, I have tirelessly championed the importance of robust emergency communication systems, shedding light on the challenges faced by our profession and advocating for the necessary support to overcome them.

My dedication to the emergency communication community extends beyond the administrative and advocacy realms. It is rooted in a genuine concern for the well-being of those who work tirelessly within communication centers, the individuals providing crucial support, and, most significantly, the people who rely on our services during times of crisis. I am driven by a deep-seated commitment to fostering an environment where these dedicated professionals can thrive and where the services we provide remain reliable and effective.

In seeking a position on the national board, I aim to bring a comprehensive perspective shaped by years of hands-on experience, national-level engagement, and a passion for advancing the field. I am excited about the prospect of contributing to the strategic vision that will shape the future of 911 emergency communications and, in doing so, ensuring the highest standards of service for both our dedicated professionals and the communities they serve.