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Kalamazoo County Welcomes Brandi Janes as New Emergency Management Director

KALAMAZOO, Mich. – Seasoned emergency management professional Brandi Janes has joined Kalamazoo County Government as its new Emergency Management Director. Janes transitions to the County role from her position as Emergency Preparedness & Resource Coordinator for the City of Kalamazoo, bringing over 20 years of experience in emergency preparedness, public safety, and homeland security.

“Brandi has been a valuable partner in her role with the City of Kalamazoo, and we’ve seen firsthand her dedication and expertise in emergency management,” said Kevin A. Catlin, County Administrator/Controller. “We are thrilled to officially welcome her to the Kalamazoo County team and look forward to continuing our work together to serve and protect our residents.”

Janes recently graduated from FEMA’s Basic Academy and obtained her Michigan Professional Emergency Manager (PEM) Certification. During her time with the City of Kalamazoo, she successfully led efforts to have the City recognized by the State as a PA 390 program, updated the Emergency Operations Plan, facilitated training programs, and coordinated emergency drills.

“I truly appreciate the opportunity to be a part of the Kalamazoo County team and am looking forward to working with everyone to best serve and support our community,” said Janes.

Her career also includes leadership roles in Louisiana, where she served as Acting Director for the Livingston Parish Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness and Infrastructure Protection Specialist for the Louisiana Governor’s Office of Homeland Security.

Janes holds numerous certifications in emergency management and has been recognized with awards for her professional excellence. Her proven leadership and expertise will play a vital role in advancing the County’s emergency management initiatives.

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