

Chief Skip Kirkwood

*Wake County, North Carolina Emergency Medical Services
Division*



Biographical Sketch

Skip Kirkwood presently serves as the Chief of the Wake County, North Carolina Emergency Medical Services Division. He has been involved in EMS since 1973, as an EMT, paramedic, supervisor, educator, manager, consultant, state EMS director, and chief EMS officer. Skip holds a Master of Science in Health Services Administration from Central Michigan University and a Juris Doctorate from the Rutgers University School of Law. He is a graduate of the U. S. Fire Administration's Executive Fire Officer program, and was recently recognized by the Commission on Public

Safety Excellence as one of the first five credentialed Chief Medical Officers in the United States. Skip is the President-Elect of the National EMS Management Association and will take office as President on January 1, 2011. He is also a member of the Commission on Professional Credentialing of the Center for Public Safety Excellence.