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Mark Jones to head combined HR, Risk Management department

Knoxville, Tenn. — Knox County’s Risk Management Director Mark Jones will soon head a newly structured department that combines Human Resource and Risk Management. The change will take effect Feb. 13, after the retirement of current Human Resource Director Frances Fogerson. Deputy Veteran Services Officer Colonel Richard Julian will become Human Resource Manager

“Combining these two departments just makes sense, and now is the right time to do it,” Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett said. “Making these changes will increase efficiency in the way we do business by bringing two very closely-related departments together. I look forward to working with Mark and Col. Julian in their new roles.”

Jones has nearly 17 years of management experiences in Knox County alone, and he holds degrees in law, business and public health. His qualifications make him uniquely suited to head a combined HR-Risk Management department.

Col. Julian retired from the U.S. Military in 1998 after serving more than 30 years as a human resource professional, first as a Military Personnel Specialist. He later spent 17 years as a Military Personnel Officer and Human Resource Director with the 134th Air Refueling Wing.

“I want to thank Frances for the consistent, professional work that she did for Knox County, and I think these changes are the best way to ensure that our Human Resource Department continues to operate efficiently and professionally,” Mayor Burchett said.

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