

**Henry Smith  
EMS Supervisor  
EMS**

Henry Smith spent much of the 1980's working for the former Northern Wake Rescue and EMS before coming to Wake County EMS in 1989.

From the beginning, Henry was hard at work cleaning and checking ambulances when he wasn't out responding to the sick and injured.

His natural drive to teach what he learned led to Henry becoming a Field Training Officer. In this role, he took on the immense responsibility of helping newly hired employees prepare to meet the high standards of being a Wake County Paramedic.

Before long Henry was promoted to District Chief, a role he served in until retiring. He was also a charter member and long-time leader of the Tactical Medic Team, which provides close medical support for law enforcement special response teams during high risk situations.

Whether working in the role of hands-on medical care provider or working as an EMS team leader, Henry was always a skilled, empathetic, and caring person. He emanates warmth, but has a firm expectation that things be done right. A simple look from Henry over his glasses could often get a wayward behavior back on track. His professional qualities and contributions are truly appreciated and will be missed.

Please join me in congratulating Henry on his retirement.