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Richard Parker Joins ACHC as Associate Director for Life Safety & Physical Environment

CARY, N.C. (Sept. 6, 2022) – Accreditation Commission for Health Care (ACHC), a nonprofit accreditation organization committed to offering exceptional service and a collaborative accreditation experience, has hired Richard Parker, MBA, CHFM, FACHE, FASHE, as Associate Director for Life Safety & Physical Environment. In this role, he will oversee and manage the Life Safety, Physical Environment and Emergency Management programs.

Parker also will provide standards interpretation, facility support, post-survey oversight and client education. He comes to ACHC with nearly five years of experience as a contracted Life Safety Code Surveyor for the ACHC programs. He has surveyed many ACHC-accredited hospitals and worked with a variety of teams.

Prior to joining ACHC, Parker held multi-department responsibilities in a number of hospital departments, including engineering, construction, security, environmental services, food and nutrition services, patient transport, laundry and linen, and communications.

He received his Healthcare Facility Manager Certification (CHFM) in 2001. In 2017, he earned NFPA's Certified Life Safety Specialist for Health Care Certification (CLSS-HC). Further, he has been awarded Fellow designations with American Society for Healthcare Engineering (FASHE) and the American College of Healthcare Executives (FACHE).

Outside his role at ACHC, Parker actively participates in the Arizona Society for Healthcare Engineering. Richard earned an M.B.A. majoring in Business Administration from Belhaven University.

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