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WHO IS RUSSELL (RUSTY) B. WELSH?

Born in 1976 I am a Believer in Christ who is a self-motivated quick and critical/analytical thinker, with belief in sharing non-classified knowledge and training to equip others to help them gain from the lessons I have learned. Although a self-learner with a desire to excel, sharing exposure and providing leadership to others is priority. I encompass a sincere focus on listening and understanding with the intent to provide unique solutions to opportunities and concerns, some of which may be unconventional and out of the box. Building long-term relationships for overall efficiency and developing unity is paramount.

OBJECTIVE

Pursue a fulfilling career that is equally challenging as well as complimentary to the employer's needs and fulfilling God's work while maintaining a healthy balance of work, play and rest.

CORE COMPETENCIES

- Life-long Learner
- Career Focused
- Team Player
- Active Listener
- Detail Oriented
- Sound Decision Making
- Ambitious and Innovative
- Results Driven
- Astute Problem-Solving Capability
- Reliable and Dependable
- Extraordinary Time Management Skills
- Exceptional Organizational Skills
- Strong Leadership Skills
- Commitment to Excellence

CORE VALUES INCLUDING TRAITS AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS

- Honesty
- Impeccable Character
- Meticulous Intuition
- Impeccable Work Ethic with rare use of Paid Time Off (PTO)
- Superb Situational Awareness
- Self-Motivated
- Incredible Integrity
- Responsible and Flexible

EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- 1995 – High School Diploma including Endorsed Curriculum College Preparatory and Endorsed Curriculum Vocational Education
- 1997 – 1998 Attended Augusta College/Augusta State University
- Fall II 2002 through Summer 2004 - Georgia Military College
- 11-03-2003 – UGA Management Class (First class of a series of three classes)
- 2006 – Georgia Emergency Management Agency/Office of Homeland Security Master Certified Emergency Manager
- 2007 – Georgia Emergency Management Agency/Office of Homeland Security Master Manager

SKILLS

- Computer Proficiency
 - Productivity Software
 - Microsoft Office Suite
 - Google Apps, G Suite, Workspace and Drive, etc.
 - Operating Systems, Networking, Security, Servers, Cloud Computing, etc.
- Technical Skills
 - Keen eye for locating potential problematic situations which allows for remedying without unexpected interruption to service
 - Perform routine preventative maintenance on Broadcast Transmitters up to 100 Kilowatts and Broadcast Studio Equipment as well as Two-Way Radio Equipment
 - Implement monitoring and remote-control equipment
 - AFL Fiber Fusion Splicing
 - Extremely familiar with various test equipment – Service Monitors, Spectrum Analyzers, Watt Meters, Dummy Loads, etc.
 - Skilled in Interference Locating/Direction Finding
- Miscellaneous Skills
 - Ability to strategically work through complex processes efficiently and accurately
 - Telephone Equipment (Installation, Programming and Use of POTS, 9-1-1 and VoIP)
 - Highly Detailed Knowledge of the Central Savannah River Area Geography
 - Basic Knowledge of Federal, State and Local Laws and Ordinances
 - Knowledge of basic Policies, Procedures, Guidelines and Directives
- Project Management
 - Strategic Analysis and Mission Development
 - Planning and Solutions
 - Evaluating Unintended Consequences
 - Estimating Return on Investment blended with Timeframe Cost Benefit Analysis
- Project Maintenance
 - Incorporate Best Practices
 - Accelerate Operations and Response Times
 - Eliminate Waste and Improve Efficiency
 - Streamline operations with Continual Improvement
- Expert Level in Radio Programming
 - Two Way Radio Programming Software (Motorola, Kenwood, GE, Ericsson, MA-Com, Harris, Yaesu, Icom, etc.)

- Ability to complete initiatives on time and within/typically under budget
- Ability to perform contract writing, reading and review
- Standard Operating Guideline (SOG) Development and Updates
- Satellite Communications (Various; Broadcast and Connectivity)
- Mass Warning Notification Systems
- Access Control Engineering, Design, Installation and Training
- Exceedingly Experienced in Telex Radio Dispatch design, installation, programming, maintenance and operation
- Moderately familiar with Active Directory and learning Entra ID
- Moderately familiar with domain management and website development using a host of content management systems and Google App/Workspace Integration
- Ability to Interview Customer/Client effectively to determine their needs so as a provider we can determine technical aspects and requirements prior to researching, testing, ordering, receiving, prepping, installing, programming, configuring, updating, training and operating

ACTIVITIES

- Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #39 Associate Member since 1999
- Central Savannah River Area Engineer's Group Cofounder and Secretary since 2003
- Georgia Radio Hall of Fame Member since October 12, 2009
- Provided commentary for Kenwood NEXEDGE products video (December 2012)
- Member of the Nominating Committee for the Amateur Radio Club of Augusta – 2014 and 2015
- Amateur Radio Volunteer Examiner with the American Radio Relay League (ARRL) (09-16-2013) and W5YI (08-07-2015) with participation in over 111 test sessions as of January of 2026
- Amateur Radio Repeater Trustee for 900 MHz Repeater coordinated through the Southeastern Repeater Association (SERA) since 08-19-2014
- Member of the Amateur Radio Club of Augusta Repeater Committee, 2013 to Present
- President of the Amateur Radio Club of Columbia County, Inc. April 2015 to January 2019
- President of the Amateur Radio Club of Columbia County, Inc. January 2023 to Present

ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- State of Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council Communications Officer - 06-03-2002)
- Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Instructor since 2003
- Columbia County, GA Employee of the Month for the Emergency Management Agency by the Columbia County Board of Commissioners – April 2005
- Georgia Certified Emergency Manager – 01-23-2006
- Georgia Master Certified Emergency Manager – 04-12-2007
- Columbia County, GA Employee of the Month for the Emergency and Operations Division by the Columbia County Board of Commissioners – May 2010
- 2014 Ice Storm successful operation with receipt of 92% of a \$10 Million Disaster
- Considered a Radio Communications Subject Matter Expert by the Communications Unit Leader (COML) Community

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Design and construction from the ground up Broadcast Studios and Transmitter Sites
 - 124 North Belair Road, Evans, GA Studios (WGAC)
 - 7059 Cobbham Road, Appling, GA Transmitter Site (WIBL)
 - 2743 Perimeter Parkway, Augusta, GA (4 Story Building) (WZNY, WEKL)
 - 2743 Perimeter Parkway, Augusta, GA (3 Story Building)(WZYN, WBBQ)
 - 802 East Martintown Road, North Augusta, SC (BTC Building) Studios (WKZC, WSLT)
 - 419 West Martintown Road, North Augusta, SC Studios (WKXC, WSLT)
 - 3632 Washington Road, Emergency Transmitter Site after Fire and New Transmitter Building immediately following (WGAC)
 - 1305 Georgia Avenue, North Augusta, SC Transmitter and Studios (WBBQ, WZNY)
- Design and construction of the Columbia County, GA Emergency Operations Center (7K Sq. Ft.)
 - Floorplan, operations flow, technical solutions for activations, radio communications, etc.
- Implementation of 3-1-1 Customer Service and Information Call Center
 - Research, Design, Installation, Maintenance and Training on information solutions
 - Development of best practices and guidelines for operations and training
- Design, Maintenance and Operation of Columbia County Mobile Operations Center 2004-2017
- Design, Installation and Programming of two Nexedge Repeater Systems, Columbia County, GA
- Member of the Risk Management Safety Review Board for Columbia County, GA
- Valued member of Requests for Proposals review panel for Information including Columbia County, GA Retirement and Health Insurance

MEMBERSHIPS

- Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials since 09-22-2000
- Emergency Management Association of Georgia since 2002
- Amateur Radio Relay League members since 08-02-2008
- Blythe Aero Model Club Safety Officer for 2009
- Southeastern Repeater Association (SERA) – 08-19-2014 (12-30-2006 according to SERA Lookup)

EMPLOYMENT AND WORK HISTORY

January 2025 to Present – WFXG TV

- Assistant Chief Engineer

February 2017 to January 2025 – J. I. L. Power and Signal

- Solutions Architect and Electronics Engineer

September 2003 to January 2017 – Columbia County, Georgia Emergency Management Agency (Full Time)

- Deputy Director
 - Major Contributions and Responsibilities
 - Too many to list here, for a detailed list please visit <https://rustywelsh.me/deputy-director-of-ema-responsibilities/>

March 19, 1999 to September 5, 2003 – Columbia County, Georgia Sheriff's Office (Full Time)

- Communications Officer – March 1999 to October 20, 2000
 - Responsibilities
 - Receive and Dispatch Requests, including 9-1-1 calls, for Service to various public safety officials (Law Enforcement, Fire, EMS, etc.)
- Supervisor of Radio Operations – October 20, 2000 to September 2002
 - Designated as Acting Supervisor of Radio Operations – September 12, 2000
 - Supervise Communications Officers for a 9-1-1 shift

September 1997 to July 2003 – Georgia Theatre Company / Evans 12 Cinemas (Part Time)

- Technician and Projectionist
 - Major Contributions
 - Completed repainting of projection booth with darker, matte color paint to eliminate light flashback on theater screens
 - Responsibilities
 - Perform routine maintenance on projection equipment both video and audio as well as other mechanical equipment within the projection booth

April 2000 to October 2006 – Clear Channel (Part Time)

- Broadcast Engineer for Broadcast Electronics and RF Equipment

November 1995 to Present – Federal Excitement (Part Time)

- Sound and Light Technician
- Mobile Disc Jockey and Announcer

September 1994 to Present – Advanced Communications (Part Time)

- Broadcast Electronics and Engineering
- Provide engineering assistance (studio and transmitter) including information technology for broadcast radio stations around Augusta Georgia for nearly 40 years. Many of the call signs listed below:
 - WAFJ, WAEG, WAJY, WBBQ, WCNA, WCHZ, WEKL, WFAM, WGAC, WGUS, WGOR, WIBL, WKXC, WKSP, WKZK, WLPE, WMTZ, WNEZ, WNRR, WPRW, WRXR, WRDW, WSLT, and WZNY.
- Two Way Radio Communications
 - Authorized GE Service Center for the Area - 1994
 - Relm Communications, Inc. Authorized Dealer – May 19, 1994
 - Vertex Radio Communications Authorized Dealer – 1998

June 1994 to April of 2000 - Martinez Fire Department (Volunteer)

- Volunteer Firefighter

HOBBIES AND PERSONAL INFORMATION

- Amateur Radio
- Projects and Experimentation
- Computer Projects and Networking
- Open Water Diver
- Radio Controlled Helicopters (Nitro)
- Truth Seeker
- Dream Catcher

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CERTIFICATIONS

- Georgia Certified Emergency Manager – 2007-Present
- SiteSafe recognition of RF Health and Safety hazards – June 2004
- NIMS Certified All-Hazards Type III Communications Unit Leader (COML) Course – 05-19-2011
- All-Hazards Communications Technician (COMT) Course – 06-24-2011
- Georgia Professional Certified Emergency Manager – 04-13-2012
- American Red Cross Adult First Aid/CPR/AED – 09-16-2014
- All-Hazards Incident Communications Center Manager (INCM) Course – 08-27-2015
- NIMS Certified All-Hazards Type III Communications Unit Leader (COML) Renewal – 10-07-2015
- Auxiliary Communications (AUXCOMM) - 11-04-2022

LICENSES

- Georgia Crime and Information Center Entry Level Operator (Georgia CJIS Network Terminal Operator Certification) – 10-07-1999
- Technician Class Amateur Radio License (KG4HIR) – 04-20-2000
- Forklift Operator – 02-28-2003
- General Mobile Radio Service License (WQGP838) – 03-13-2012
- General Class Amateur Radio License (KG4HIR) – 06-14-2013
- Extra Class Amateur Radio License (KG4HIR) – 08-09-2013

DESires AND ASPIRATIONS

- Serve others by continually learning and using the knowledge I have been fortunate to gain while in pursuit of fulfilling God's work.

REFERENCES

Professional References

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2. Lewis Foster
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Lewis was the IT Manager for Columbia County, GA before transferring to Columbia County Broadband Utility and then Michael Baker International.
3. Charlie Woods
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Charlie was a Columbia County Sheriff's Deputy while we were both employed by the Columbia County Sheriff's Office.
4. Dan Marshall
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Dan is the previous President of the Amateur Radio Club of Columbia County, Inc.
5. Steven Kitchens
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Steven is co-owner of Gravitas Transportation.