BERNHARDT TO COORDINATE NEW RIVER’S EMS/PARAMEDIC PROGRAM

[BECKLEY, W. VA.] Richard A. Bernhardt has joined New River Community and Technical College in Beckley as an instructional specialist and coordinator of the Emergency Medical Services (EMS)/Paramedic Program. His duties will include classroom instruction, recommendation and supervision of adjunct faculty and overall management of the program.
Bernhardt relocated from Winston-Salem, N.C., where he was employed as a paramedic and firefighter with Comprehensive Health Services, a U.S. military contractor. His most recent deployment was to Kuwait, where he responded to fire and rescue crews dealing with motor vehicle accidents, terrorist threats and other emergencies.

His professional experiences include safety supervisor for FreightCar America and EMS/paramedic instructor at Roanoke Valley Regional Fire-EMS Training Center, Jefferson College of Health Sciences and George Washington University.

Bernhardt has 21 years of experience in the medical field. He received master’s degrees in health education/promotion from Virginia Tech and business administration from National College in Salem, Va. He earned a bachelor’s degree in exercise physiology and nutrition from George Mason University. Bernhardt also holds several certifications, including advanced cardiac life support, pre-hospital trauma life support, pediatric advanced life support and CPR.

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