



In the Spotlight

Highlighting Exceptional Employees

Ron Allen Risk Manager

Ron Allen began working for the Town of Chapel Hill as Risk Manager on Feb. 8, 2016.

That role consists of promoting safe and healthy work environments across all Town departments, increasing safety and risk awareness across all departments, and ensuring Town employees are well-informed, trained, and engaged regarding workplace health and safety initiatives.

It's no surprise that the Town's RESPECT value, Safety, is the one that speaks to Ron most.

"I have had the opportunity to work for different public entities, and the one common denominator for each of these entities is how to effectively promote and maintain safe and healthful work environments for all employees and visitors," Ron said. "I strongly believe that safety in the workplace is a collective responsibility."

Ron has worked as an independent risk and safety management consultant prior to starting with the Town. He was also the Director of Risk Management Services for Durham Public Schools and worked in the Environmental Health and Safety Department at UNC-Chapel Hill for 16 years.

"When making my decision to come to work for the Town, I was impressed by the commitment and desire of the leadership team to provide work environments that are not only safe and secure, but promote the well-being of each employee," Ron said.

Ron and his wife of 38 years, Carolyn, live in Hillsborough. He's lived in Orange County for more than 46 years since moving from Sanford in 1970 with his family at the age of 12. He has five children (Holly, Sarah, Maih, Chad and Tyler) and four grandsons (Mason, 10, Bentley, 5, Carter, 5, and Eli, 8 months).



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"In my spare time I like to work in the garden and spend time with my family," Ron said. "Whenever I can, I also like to play golf, billiards and baseball with my oldest grandsons."

—Story by Ran Northam

Value in the Spotlight: **SAFETY**

RESPECT Values

- Responsibility**
- Equity**
- Safety**
- Professionalism**
- Ethics**
- Communication**
- Teamwork**

