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Volusia County Government is saddened to announce the untimely death of Ocean Center Director Tim Riddle, CVE, on Friday, April 28. Riddle joined the county in August 2017 as the deputy director of the Ocean Center in Daytona Beach, FL, and was promoted to its director in June 2020.

“Tim was truly an asset to the county and was instrumental in finding ways to keep the Ocean Center alive through the pandemic and was excited to lead its continued growth,” County Manager George Recktenwald said. “Aside from being an outstanding and dedicated employee, he was a sincere and kind individual, always willing to listen and go out of his way to help someone.”

The County’s critical incident stress management staff have been mobilized to assist affected team members. Our deepest condolences go out to his family as they navigate their unexpected loss.

The IAVM family joins in expressing our condolences to the Riddle family in the passing of one of the public assembly venue world’s most respected leaders. We will be sharing more as details become available.

To read an article from The Daytona Beach News-Journal, please [click here](#).

This article was originally posted to Front Row News, the IAVM Industry Blog.

"It is with great sadness that I heard the news of the passing of Tim Riddle, CVE, former Region 5 Vice President and longtime member of IAVM. He died unexpectedly Friday while on his way to the Super Regional Meeting in Kansas City. Tim spent 20 years as the director of the Chattanooga Convention Center. Prior to that he was a practicing CPA in Tennessee his home state. While at Chattanooga Tim rose through the Region ranks and became our Region 5 Vice President and would eventually host a Region 5 meeting there. Tim continued to serve the Region on the audit committee, reviewing our annual financial documents before they were sent to headquarters. He hosted our first Super Regional Conference in Daytona Beach during my term as Region Vice President in 2019. Tim knew what it took to hold a meeting and I knew I could count on Tim. Due largely to his efforts we raised a considerable sum for the Region treasury, funds used today to support scholarships to meetings, schools and certification programs with IAVM.

After leaving his home of Tennessee, Tim went on to a small venue in Cave City Kentucky, then Valdosta Georgia for a few more years. In 2017 Tim found a great fit in Daytona Beach as the Ocean Center’s Assistant Manager. Within two years he replaced Don Poor upon Don’s retirement. The news accounts in the Daytona Beach News Journal speak well to man many of us knew. For the decades I knew Tim, I found him to be a dedicated family man, a genuine person, a man of integrity, and a man I called a

friend. He will be missed by many.

Tim is survived by his wife and two adult children."

-W. Courtney Dyer, CVE (Retired)

"Tim went way beyond an industry colleague for me. He became a dear friend whose passion for our industry would inspire you to be a better leader. Tim and I would talk every couple of months and catch up with each other. I always enjoyed talking with Tim as there was always laughter involved, largely due to what I called "Timisms." Tim's cheerful personality would light up a room and to know him is to love him. I know Tim loved this industry, his family, his co-workers, and his colleagues. There is a saying that I will attribute to Tim --- 'While no one is indispensable, there are those who are irreplaceable – and you my dear friend are one.'"

-Carol Moore, CVE



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