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.

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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