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CHAIRMAN KEVIN J. MARTIN ANNOUNCES HIS INTENTION TO APPOINT DEREK POARCH PUBLIC SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY BUREAU CHIEF

Today, Federal Communications Commission Chairman Kevin J. Martin announced his intention to appoint Derek Poarch, a North Carolina police chief, as the FCC's Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau Chief. Chief Poarch, a native of Lenoir, N.C., is presently the Director of Public Safety and Chief of Police at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. In his new role, Chief Poarch will oversee the bureau responsible for FCC activities pertaining to public safety, homeland security, emergency management and disaster preparedness.

"Public safety is one of the Commission's and my top priorities, and I am very pleased that Chief Poarch, who is a highly accomplished and nationally respected law enforcement officer, has agreed to head our bureau," Chairman Martin said.

Chief Poarch assumed the position of Director of Public Safety at UNC-Chapel Hill on September 14, 1998. In this position, Chief Poarch commands a department of approximately 300 full and part-time employees providing police, security, emergency communications, parking and transportation services to a university community of 45,000 persons that has more than a million visitors each year.

UNC's public safety department is one of only 30 college and university public safety agencies in the country that are accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies Inc.

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