

**TO MEDIA:**

Please see the below news release from the Center for Public Safety. Note that [Charleston County Administrator Kurt Taylor](#) has been appointed as the County Manager representing the International County Manager's Association to the Commission on Fire Accreditation International.

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The Center for Public Safety Excellence (CPSE) Board of Directors recently appointed Ms. Linda Cochrane and Mr. Kurt Taylor, Esq as the City and County Managers representing the ICMA to the Commission on Fire Accreditation International (CFAI).

**Linda Cochrane**

Linda is the General Manager of Community Services in the City of Edmonton, ON Canada. She leads more than 4,000 employees in six distinct lines of business: Fire Rescue Services, Community Recreation and Facilities, Project Management and Maintenance Services, Community Strategies and Development, Neighborhoods, Parks and Community Recreation, and Community Standards. She leads the departments to be a front-line partner with citizens and communities to creating a safe, healthy and vibrant city.

Linda has earned two Master Degrees from the University of Alberta – Arts and Business Administration.

Linda is married to Bob Cochrane.

**W. Kurt Taylor, Esq**

Kurt is the County Administrator for Charleston County, South Carolina. He is a practicing attorney since 1987 and was a member of the North Charleston City Council for 14 years. He is Past President of the South Carolina Association of County Attorneys and the Past Chair of the Government Law Section of South Carolina Bar. Admitted to practice before U.S. District Court, Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals, and U.S. Supreme Court. He is the Past Vice-Chairman of the Board of Directors of Charleston Area Regional Transportation Authority (CARTA) and a member of the Charleston Area Transportation Study Committee (CHATS) Commuter Rail Subcommittee. He is an active member of the North Charleston Rotary Club and President, Second Presbyterian Church Corporation.

Kurt is a graduate of the University of South Carolina Law School and the College of Charleston

Kurt is married to Melody Taylor and has a daughter Laura Katherine Taylor (17) and son Benjamin (15).