

E. E. McGovern Is CD Director

County Employee Replaces Wright

City and county officials decided Wednesday night they could get more work and greater protection from a volunteer Civil Defense director than they could from someone they had to pay.

They selected E. E. McGovern, county health department employee and head of the active, volunteer Escambia Search and Rescue Unit, to succeed Pensacola Fire Chief Claude Wright.

In so doing they passed up federal matching funds which would help pay the \$4,800 salary authorized for a paid director.



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In view of the current tense world situation the Escambia County Board of County Commissioners said it had upped its appropriation for Civil Defense from \$3,600 to \$5,000.

Mayor Charles Overman said the city plans to hold its CD appropriation at the \$5,510 authorized in the past year.

Among McGovern's qualifications were mentioned his demonstrated ability for organization, leadership and know-how, his knowledge of the county and his willingness to work hard. The Escambia Search and Rescue Unit, it was cited, is one of the most active, willing all-volunteer organizations in the area.

Assets with which McGovern has to work include city police and fire departments, health department personnel, county sheriff and road patrol, road maintenance crews and volunteer fire department personnel.