

## **Kevin Mitchell**

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Kevin is originally from Big Stone Gap, VA, but has been a resident of Kingsport and surrounding county since the early 1990's, currently in the same residence since 2007. A 1987 graduate of Carson-Newman College where he obtained a B.A. in Communications and was a member of the 1986 national championship football team.

Kevin was employed by the Kingsport Times News in sales before transitioning to writing as a sports journalist covering East Tennessee and Southwest Virginia high school and small college sports. He was hired by the City of Kingsport in 1997 as a firefighter. Completed training and licensed as a paramedic. He was a member of the department's specialized technical rescue team. Retired in December of 2023 after almost 27 years, having attained the rank of Captain. He still holds a current Tennessee Paramedic license and is a member of the Kingsport Life Saving Crew, a volunteer first responder and rescue agency, serving the citizens of Kingsport and Sullivan County.

Kevin has also served on the boards of Big Brothers, Big Sisters and H.O.P.E. He is also a BJCP Certified beer judge and holds a current State of Tennessee Beverage serving permit.