# CHARLES D SMITH Phone: E-mail:

#### **Education**

# **College of Lake County**

A.A.S. Fire Science Technology, December, 2005 Dean's List

# **Southern Illinois University**

B.S. Fire Service Management, May, 2008 Dean's List

## **Employment**

# Countryside Fire Protection District, Vernon Hills, IL

September 2000 - Present

Fire Chief - Chief Fire Officer / Paramedic

Respond to emergency calls as a licensed Paramedic and Chief Fire Officer. Direct two fire stations and 80 firefighters to answer calls of emergency service in a 24 square mile district as the Fire Chief. Oversee colocated modern fire dispatch center and 10 telecommunicators. Act as incident commander on the fireground. Coordinate responses on a local and regional level. Collaborate with state and local leaders on legislative issues. Oversee all financial and operational aspects of the organization and report regularly to the appointed Board of Trustees.

- Fire Chief June 2019 to present
- Deputy Chief of Support Services February 2016 to June 2019
- Deputy Chief of Operations June 2013 to February 2016
- Battalion Chief April 2012 to June 2013
- Lieutenant December 2007 to April 2012
- Firemedic September 2000 to December 2007

## Grayslake Fire Protection District, Grayslake, IL

March 2002 – September 2004

Paid-On-Call Firefighter III / Paramedic

Respond to emergency calls as a licensed Paramedic and Fire Officer I. Complete weekly training and work tasks.

## Hoffman Estates Fire Department, Hoffman Estates, IL

June 1999 – September 2000

Firefighter II / Paramedic

Respond to emergency calls as a licensed Paramedic and Firefighter II. Participate in public fire safety education.

## Countryside Fire Protection District, Vernon Hills, IL

September 1997 – October 1999

Paid-On-Call Firefighter II / EMT-B

Respond to emergency calls as a licensed EMT-B and Firefighter II. Complete weekly training and work tasks. Facilitate public fire safety education. Implement and manage the After the Fire program.

#### **Certifications and Awards**

Firefighter II	July-98	EMT Basic	January-99
Hazardous Materials Awareness	July-98	EMT Paramedic	December-99
Hazardous Materials Operations	October-98	IAFPD Scholarship	October-02
Fire Apparatus Engineer	January-99	Child Passenger Safety Tech.	December-02
Confined Space/Trench Awareness	February-99	IFCA Scholarships	May-03, 05, 07, 13
I-100 Wildland Incident Command	March-01	FF of the Year-Lake Co. 100 Club	May-03
S-130 Wildland Firefighter	March-01	NIMS IS-100, 200, 300, 400, 700	
S-190 Wildland Fire Behavior	March-01	701a, 702a, 703a, 704, 800	October-06 thru August-14
Juvenile Firesetter Specialist	May-01	Command and General Staff	Nov-15
Firefighter III	January-02	Side Scan Sonar Operator	April-12
Technical Rescue Awareness	February-02	Public Safety Diver	June-02
Fire Service Instructor I	July-02	Blue Card Incident Command	May-16
Fire Officer I - Prov.	May-03	RTF Command & Control	Sep-15
Fire Prevention Officer	April-03		
Fire Officer I	November-03		
Fire Service Instructor II	February-05		
Fire Officer II	November-05		
Fire Service Vehicle Operator	July-07		
Incident Safety Officer	March-13		
Training Program Manager	May-14		
Basic Operation Firefighter	September-14		
Chief Fire Officer	September-14		

#### **Professional Affiliations**

Lake County Regional 911 Policy Committee - Member
Lake County Regional 911 Operations Committee - Alternate Member
Libertyville-Vernon Hills JETSB - Ex Officio Member
Countryside Fire Protection District Firefighters' Pension Fund - Appointed Member
Lake County Fire Chiefs Association - 2022 Vice-President
Illinois Fire Chiefs Association - Member
International Association of Fire Chiefs - Member
Illinois Association of Fire Protection Districts - Member
Grant Community High School Site and Facility Committee Member