133 South Greenview Avenue Mundelein, IL 60060

# Objective

As Fire Chief, to provide leadership and vision to the fire department, providing it with direction and the ability to provide high levels of service to the community; to provide direction and opportunities within the organization in order to prepare personnel for the future as leaders in the fire service through education, mentoring, inclusive decision making and fostering of strong communications and skill development; to recognize the demands related to today's fire service and EMS needs and to provide the community with the strongest level of professionalism and enthusiasm in carrying out our duties.

## **Experience**

### **Mundelein Fire Department**

Fire Chief 2007 - present

## **Buffalo Grove Fire Department**

## **Private Industry**

Paid on Call Firefighter/EMT Career Firefighter/Paramedic Lieutenant / Paramedic Captain/Shift Commander	1979-1981 1981-1989 1989-1990 1990-1996	Honeywell Corporate Security Facilities Management Resource Group Contract Office Interiors Owner, Office Furniture Installation Co, Inc.	1981-1983 1983-1990 1990-1994 1994-2006
Administrative Deputy Chief	1996-2002	Owner, Office Furniture Installation Co, Inc.	1994-2006
Fire Chief	2002-2007		

#### Education

Buffalo Grove High School Kishwaukee Community College High School Graduate **EMT** 1972-1976 1979-1980

> Southern Illinois University B.S. in Fire Service Management **Deans List Consecutive Semesters** 1993-1995

Northern Illinois University B.S. studies in Management 1978-1980

Harper Community College

1976-1978 and 1982-1988

Fire Science Studies

College of Lake County General Education Studies **Deans List Consecutive Semesters** 

1995-1998

State certified FFIII, State certified Paramedic 1980-1994, State certified Engineer, State certified Hazardous Materials First Responder, State certified Fire Officer I, State certified FOII, State certified FOIII, Certified I100, I700, 1300, 1400, and Command and General Staff (NIMS)

# Career Responsibilities and Accomplishments

- Coordinated planning achieving an ISO Class 2 for the Buffalo Grove Fire Department 1993
- Department Communications Officer covering numerous computer upgrades, 800 MHZ radio system installation, GIS development, RMS and equipment planning a development
- Participate as a member of Labor/Management Team and contract negotiations
- Authored numerous changes to job descriptions and employee evaluations documents -both fire departments
- Coordinated numerous safety program changes enhancing firefighter safety in station operations -both fire departments
- President of Pension Board for 9 years Village of Buffalo Grove
- Authored language for Special Teams ordinance for cost recover ordinance for TRT, Dive, HazMat, and Special **OPS** throughout Village
- Coordinate annual Strategic Planning for the both fire departments
- Coordinated Officer Development and mentoring project preparing subordinate officers for advancement on both
- Authored \$250,000 in grants under the Assistance to Firefighters Grant program from DHS/FEMA
- Co-authored two CEDAP grants from DHS and was awarded both grants (2005 and 2006)
- Co-authored grant from Fireman's Fund Insurance for \$80,000 for a training site burn tower Buffalo Grove
- Developed a Citizens Corps Council for the Village of Buffalo Grove covering Homeland Security Planning along with the start of the Village's CERT program

- CAFT (Combined Area Fire Training) Chairman Regional training facility for four fire agencies
- Assisted in the development of a new sprinkler ordinance covering "zero" square footage commercial an multifamily dwellings including townhomes, row homes and the like
- Received numerous awards including Distinguished Alumni Award BGHS 2002 and Illinois Fire Chief of the Year 2006, LMV Exchange Club Firefighter of the Year 2010
- Co-Chair of the Education and Research Foundation Fund Raising of the Illinois Fire Chief's Foundation for the past 11 years raising over \$450,000 in scholarship funds for firefighter education
- Participate as a member of the Lake County SNS distribution committee development project with LCHD
- Assisted with the development of the Mundelein CERT Team and Citizens Corps Council
- EMA Coordinator for the Village of Mundelein
- Planning member, Operation North Pole (501(c)3) holiday program for children with cancer and other life threatening diseases.

# **Professional Affiliations and Responsibilities**

- Illinois Firefighters Association Current member
- Illinois Professional Firefighters Association Current member
- Illinois Fire Chiefs Association Current member Merchandising Coordinator- State of Illinois School Safety
  Task Force Legislative Summit Committee Member Education and Research Foundation Fund Raising
  Committee Co-Chair Area Funeral Committee Liaison
- International Fire Chiefs Association Current member
- Lake County Board of Health Sitting Board Member, Member-At-Large Executive Board, Environmental Health Committee member.
- Illinois Public Health Association
- Red Cross of Greater Chicago Heroes Committee Selection Team Member 2007-present
- Alternate Member State of Illinois Fire Service Joint Labor/Management Committee (JLMC)
- Lake County Fire Chiefs Association

_	Treasurer	1999-2000
_	Secretary	2000-2001
_	Vice-President	2001-2003
_	President	2003-2004
_	Immediate Past President	2004-2005

Lake County Fire Departments Specialized Response Teams

Treasurer	1999-2000
Secretary	2000-2001
Vice-Chairman	2001-2003
Chairman	2003-2004
Immediate Past Chairman	2004-2005
	Secretary Vice-Chairman Chairman

MABAS Division 4

Secretary 2005-2007

Metropolitan Fire Chiefs Association

Treasurer
Second Vice President
First Vice President
President
2005-2006
2006-2007
2007-2008
President
2011-present

Illinois Fire Chiefs Association

Second Vice-President 2007-2008
First Vice-President 2008-2009
President 2009-2010
Immediate Past President 2010-2011
Area 2 State Representative 2011-present

- National Fire Protection Association Current member
- Trauma Region X Disaster Management Services Committee member
- President Buffalo Grove Kiwanis Club 2004-2005

### **Personal**

I have been married for almost 30 years (Jennifer – June 5, 1982) and have two sons, Bradley (27) and Kevin (24) who were both collegiate athletes (baseball) and now are both career firefighter/paramedics for Mundelein and Naperville respectively. I have been active in youth sports in both baseball and football programs in Mundelein functioning as a Division League Director and Manager/Coach for both of my sons teams. My family is active in our church and I was a member of the Parish Council for (6) years functioning in the role of Treasurer for (3) years and Vice-President for (3) years. My wife and I owned a business that we built from 1994-2006 when we sold it provided design and installation of modular furniture systems to the contract furniture industry. My wife is the Treasurer for the Illinois Fire Chiefs Association and works for a local dentist office. My hobbies include fishing, watching baseball and various work around our home.