

Employment:

Village of Lake Zurich- 1979 – Current

1979 – 1988 Hired as a paramedic for the Paramedic Rescue and Ambulance Department. I served as the EMS Coordinator to the Northwest Community Hospital EMS system (NCHEMSS), and maintained that position for 17 years, even under the new Fire Department Structure. Moved from Lieutenant to Deputy Chief of Paramedics during this time frame.

1988 – The Village combined the combination (FT and POC) Paramedic Department with the then Paid-on-Call Fire Department in 1988. I was a key player in establishing and developing the newly created department. Duties included firefighting, paramedic rescue, and special team response.

1990- Trained as one of the first Hazardous Materials Technicians for the department and served on the Lake County Haz-Mat team for 10+ years.

1991 – Promoted as one of the first three shift Captains.

1993 – Moved to a day administrative position to assist the then Chief with overall department operations and coordination. Began a process of building and staffing 3 additional Rural Fire Protection District stations to meet geographical positioning and assist response times as possible. Last station opened in 2001.

1997 – Promoted to Deputy Chief through Fire and Police Commission testing process.

July 2011 – Appointed Interim Fire Chief/Emergency Management Director with the retirement of the Fire Chief.

August 2011 – Appointed by the Mayor as the Fire Chief/Emergency Management Director. Currently handle a department with 55 sworn members, 4 civilian personnel, 4 stations covering 25 sq. miles and approximately 37,000 residents. The department is a full service department providing all Fire and EMS services along with specialized rescue teams and a highly qualified Fire Prevention Bureau. Our budget is currently in the \$11 million range. In addition to the Fire Chief position I also hold the Emergency Management Directors position for the Village of Lake Zurich. The Emergency Management position encompasses ensuring that the Village has an adequate plan for emergency operations and that all Village departments are prepared to successfully contribute to the mitigation of and recovery from any natural or manmade hazard/situation that may affect the Village.

Education: Formal:

Associate's Degree from The College of Lake County in Fire Science Technology.

Bachelors Degree from Southern Illinois University in Fire Department Management

Fire Service:

Chief Fire Officer – Office of the State Fire Marshal – (highest officer certification in State)
I have attained a wide range of fire service certifications throughout my career. I was a licensed paramedic for 20+ years but no longer hold that license. I am current with NIMS ICS training through ICS-400 along with the requisite other levels. The second page is a sampling of Courses, Seminars and Certifications.

The following is a sample of Courses, Seminars and Certifications:

NIMS based Courses

IS-00804 Emergency Support Function (ESF) #4 – Firefighting	01/12
IS-00706 NIMS Intrastate Mutual Aid an Introduction	01/12
IS-00704 NIMS Communications and Information Management	01/12
IS-00703a NIMS Resource Management	01/12
IS-00702a NIMS Public Information Systems	01/12
IS-00701a NIMS Multiagency Coordination System (MACS)	01/12
IS-00800 National Response Plan (NRP), an Introduction	07/06
IS-700 National Incident Management System	08/04
ICS-100 Introduction to the Incident Command System	03/06
ICS-200 ICS for Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents	03/06
ICS-300 Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents	10/06
ICS-400 Advanced ICS Command & General Staff – Complex Incidents	10/06

Miscellaneous

TEEX – Senior Officials Workshop for All-Hazards Preparedness	02/09
TEEX – Public Information in a WMD/Terrorism Incident	01/10
Illinois Terrorism Task Force – Unified Command Course	04/05
CERT Ground Search and Rescue Operations	06/08
CERT Managers Class	04/08
CERT Train-The-Trainer Course	04/08
McHenry County College – Public Information Officer	09/06
Rehabilitation on the Fire ground and Safety on the Fire ground	03/09
Rail Safety for Emergency Responders	12/08
Illinois Dept. of Nuclear Safety – Radiological Hazardous Materials A	09/02
Ill Attorney General – Open Meetings Act On-Line Course	06/13

Office of the State Fire Marshal – Illinois

Chief Fire Officer	09/14
Fire Officer III	02/03
Fire Department Incident Safety Officer - 40 hr course	05/09
Technical Rescue Awareness	04/09
Chief Officer's Focus for the Twenty First Century	04/06
Firefighter III, II, Fire Apparatus Engineer, Hazardous Materials Technician	

