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OBJECTIVE:

Re-appointment to Lake County Emergency Telephone System Board representing the Lake County Fire Chiefs Association.

CAREER EXPERIENCE:

COUNTRYSIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT; VERNON HILLS, IL

FIRE CHIEF (9/2006 – PRESENT)

DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF (2001–2006)

ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF (1996–2001)

CAPTAIN/SHIFT COMMANDER (1993-1996)

LIEUTENANT/FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU DIRECTOR (1990-1993)

FIREFIGHTER/PARAMEDIC/INSPECTOR (1986-1990)

PAID-ON-CALL FIREFIGHTER/PARAMEDIC (1982-1986)

- ◇ Created a highly reliable organizational culture around the values of “Respond Solve, Problems and Be Nice” as well as “The Answer is Yes” approach centered on internal and external customer service.
- ◇ Lead, supervise and administer District daily operations including response and deployment, training, IT and dispatch.
- ◇ Maintained the same service level with less during fiscally trying times and consistently presented balanced budgets (\$8 million +) to the Board of Trustees.
- ◇ Developed Fire Districts SOG’s and revisions to Employee Handbook to meet current trends and standards.
- ◇ Interacted with Federal, State, County and Local government leaders regarding legislation and related issues.
- ◇ Revised Strategic Plan, Standard of Cover and Risk Hazard Assessment of Fire District.
- ◇ Managed Construction Projects for remodel and new construction of fire stations.
- ◇ Supervised development and implementation of fire dispatch center.
- ◇ Authored several successful FEMA AFG Grants
- ◇ Manage District’s program for Commission on Fire Accreditation International where re-accreditation was awarded in 2003, 2008 and 2013.
- ◇ Managed multiple operations at emergency incidents, both routine and major.
- ◇ Performed administrative functions including finance & budgeting, reporting and attending Village Board and other job-related meetings.

CAREER EXPERIENCE (continued)

- ◇ Created an organizational safety culture with incentive program.
- ◇ Authored and updated Multiple Intergovernmental Agreements with other agencies for automatic responses and other services.
- ◇ Coordinator for 42-member fire department, Regional Technical Rescue Team; responsible for planning and operations.
- ◇ Supervised, delegated and organized activities of civilian, sworn, paid-on-premise, and contractual personnel at two fire stations and a dispatch center.
- ◇ Contributed to work groups responsible for achieving International Accreditation from Commission on Fire Service Accreditation International and lowering ISO rating from Class 6 to 3 in Village area and from Class 9 to 4 in rural area; then to a 3 throughout the District.
- ◇ Lead team that campaigned for successful (73%) \$5 million construction bond question in 2005 general election.
- ◇ Scheduled, budgeted and supervised mechanics staff servicing 17 emergency vehicles.
- ◇ Developed, budgeted and implemented state-of-the-art training programs for entry level POP, career and command personnel.
- ◇ Administered Fire Prevention Bureau in rapidly growing district with emphasis on community relations. Supervised fire inspection team resulting in a higher efficiency level, reduced fire code violations and decreased fire loss to community.

CITY OF HIGHWOOD FIRE DEPARTMENT; HIGHWOOD, IL

LIEUTENANT (1985 - 1986)

FIREFIGHTER/PARAMEDIC (1984 - 1985)

- ◇ Performed administrative, supervisory and emergency incident management responsibilities.
- ◇ Reorganized department personnel assignments and record keeping resulting in higher efficiency.
- ◇ Lead department in developing and implementing an active and aggressive Fire Prevention Bureau.
- ◇ Developed ordinances to adopt modern codes. Instituted Public Fire Education and pre-fire planning programs.

EDUCATION

- ◇ BACHELOR OF SCIENCE, Fire Science Management - 1991
Southern Illinois University Carbondale, IL
- ◇ ASSOCIATES OF SCIENCE, Fire Science Technology - 1988
College of Lake County Grayslake, IL
- ◇ A. E. Stevenson High School Lincolnshire, IL - 1981

TRAINING

COURSES

- ◇ National Fire Service Fire & EMS Staff & Command Courses
- ◇ NFA Leadership 1, 2, & 3
- ◇ NFA Emergency Response to Terrorism-Basic
- ◇ NFA ICS for Structural Collapse Incidents
- ◇ US DOJ WMD ICS
- ◇ NFA Command and General Staff for ICS
- ◇ FEMA ICS All-Hazards Operations Section Chief
- ◇ NFA – All Hazards Incident Management Team
- ◇ FDSOA – Incident Safety Officer
- ◇ EMI Basic & Intermediate ICS
- ◇ ICS I-100, 200, 300, 700, 800
- ◇ NFA All Hazards IMT Course
- ◇ FEMA US&R Task Force Leader Course

CERTIFICATIONS

IL OSFM

Chief Fire Officer (FO 3&4)
Incident Safety Officer
Instructor 2
Firefighter 3
Fire Apparatus Engineer Fire Service Vehicle Operator
Haz-Mat Technician
Fire Prevention Officer Fire Inspector II Plan Examiner I
Fire Investigator Haz-Mat ICS
Rescue Specialist: Confined Space, Structural Collapse, Trench & Rope

NATIONAL WILDLAND COORDINATING GROUP (NWCG)

Basic & Advanced FF, Squad Boss, Engine Boss, Wildland Fire Behavior
Interface Fire Ops, Helicopter Crew Member

OTHERS

IL Licensed EMT-P ACLS / PALS / CPR
Blue Card ICS IFSI – Courage to be Safe

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Illinois Fire Chiefs Association

Illinois Professional Firefighters Association

International Fire Chiefs Assoc.

Illinois Society of Fire Service Instructors

Lake County Fire Chiefs Association

University of Illinois Fire Service Institute Field Instructor

Lake & McHenry Counties FD Specialized Response Team

- Treasurer 2008, Secretary 2009, Co-Chair 2010, Chairman 2011, Past Chairman 2012.

IL Type 3 IMT : METRO TEAM – Operations Section Chief 2011–Present

MABAS/IL Terrorism Task Force Technical Rescue Steering Committee

Lake County ETSB – Lake County Fire Chiefs Representative (2006-Present)

- Secretary and policy committee.

IL USAR TF-1 Task Force Leader (2003 – 2009)

FFL Customer Service Steering Committee Member

IAFC (FRI) MABAS 90/90 Exercise 2010 – Task Force Leader

CLC Fire Science Advisory Committee

Countryside Firefighters Pension Fund – Board Member 2006 - Present

MAJOR INCIDENT EXPERIENCE

IL Statewide Tabletop Leadership Exercise (Tornado) Champaign, IL FEB 2014

- Operations Section Chief

IL IMT Operations Section Chief–Washington, IL Tornado Response NOV 2013

MABAS Ambassador – Command Staff; Chicago Marathon 2013

MABAS Ambassador - Mobility Control Center Operations Section-NATO Summit 2012

Hurricane Gustav/Ike MABAS Deployment – Task Force Leader 2008

PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES

References available upon request.

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Chief Fire Officer - 2013;
Commission on Professional Credentialing

Humanitarian Award – 2009;
Hurricane Gustav Deployment

Award of Merit – 2007; CFPD

Award of Merit – 2005;
100 Club of Lake County

Letter of *Commendation* - 2005;
CFPD Bond Election

Certificate of Appreciation - 2005;
MABAS Katrina Response

CFPD Employee of the year - 2004

Certificate of Excellence - 1993;
CFPD Fire Prevention Bureau work

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