Richard M. Carani

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Professional Summary:
An experienced Fire Chief dedicated to public safety, with a highly successful career which began in 1989 as a paid-on-call firefighter, sworn as a full-time career firefighter, and paramedic in 1990, advancing through the ranks to Lieutenant in June of 1997, Assistant Chief in October of 1997, and Chief of the Department in August of 2005. Excellent relationship and motivational skills. Strong commitment to customer service. Demonstrated experience in planning, team building, budgeting, resolving disputes, problem analysis, problem solving, and administrative functions.

Experience

Fire

Demonstrated experience in all aspects of Fire Protection. Extensive knowledge of the Incident Command System, the National Incident Management System, Emergency Management, fire suppression, project development, collective bargaining, safety and risk management, public education, code enforcement, and finance.

Demonstrated leadership in a Municipal full-time Fire Rescue Department with a three fire station operation which, contracts with two Fire Protection Districts to provide Fire, EMS, and Rescue services.

EMS

State of Illinois EMT-Paramedic Certification (1990)
Fire Chiefs Steering Committee, Advocate Condell Medical Center EMS System
Illinois Department of Public Health Region X EMS/Trauma Advisory Committee
Lake County Fire Chiefs Emergency Management Committee Representative

EMA

Local Emergency Management Coordinator by Resolution
Maintain area-wide emergency early warning system for the Village of Libertyville and Libertyville Fire Protection District
Developed disaster contingencies and Emergency Operation Plan for the Village of Libertyville
Manage and coordinate local disasters through the Village's Emergency Management Agency
Provide annual training in emergency management for Village staff and elected officials.

911

Chair - Libertyville Emergency Telephone System Board (2011 to Present)

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Education

Illinois Emergency Management Agency, Illinois Professional Emergency Manager, September of 2005.

Illinois Emergency Management Agency, Professional Development Series, September of 2004.

Masters Degree in Public Safety Administration, Lewis University, Romeoville, Illinois, December 2002.

National Fire Service Staff and Command Course, March 2000.

Bachelors Degree in Business Administration, St. Norbert College, DePere, Wisconsin, May 1988.
Honors: Nominated for Junior Presidential Award
Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges

Numerous Illinois Fire Service Institute Fire Courses. Classes administered by the Office of the State Fire Marshal, Illinois Fire Chiefs Association, Illinois Emergency Management Agency, and seminars of the Illinois Fire Chiefs Association and International Association of Fire Chiefs.

Significant Accomplishments

Fire

Appointed Fire Chief for the Village of Libertyville August 2005.

Brought Michigan State University Critical Incident Protocol program to Libertyville in an effort to build public and private partnerships to share resources in the event of a disaster. Program is now regional encompassing 2 counties.

Chief Fire Officer Designation (2004 to Present). Designated as a "Chief Fire Officer" by the Commission on Chief Fire Officer Designation. The Chief Fire Officer Designation acknowledges that the holder has demonstrated through education, leadership and management skills the requisite knowledge, skills, and abilities required for the fire and emergency services profession.

Developed numerous intergovernmental agreements for automatic mutual aid response and the sharing of equipment to compliment the existing mutual aid system and enhance fire and rescue abilities.

Village of Libertyville liaison to the Libertyville Fire Protection District and Rockland Fire Protection District which are served through contractual agreement.

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Member of Lake County Fire Chief's Task Force which developed statewide mutual aid response plans, as well as point of departure requirements.

Integrated computer aided dispatch into the fire department including response plan development and computer installation.

Village management team member responsible for negotiating first firefighter collective bargaining agreement.

Designed and implemented the current Village of Libertyville Disaster Plan which was accredited by the State of Illinois Emergency Management Agency in 2000.

Implemented new emergency response procedures for fire and EMS incidents.

Implemented a plan and managed the installation of dry fire hydrants in areas without municipal water supply.

Fire department grant writer. Since 2004, have secured $1,031,324.00 in grant funding for the Fire Department.

Member of Lake County Health Department Medication Distribution Committee responsible for developing a county wide medication distribution plan in the event of a terrorist incident or pandemic.

Planned and Coordinated Fire dispatch move to a consolidated dispatch center 2011/2012

EMS

Implemented internal quality assurance program for fire department emergency medical services.

Member of the Advocate Condell EMS System Steering Committee responsible for the development of operating policies which are needed for EMS System compliance with the Illinois Department of Public Health.

Fire Chief representative for the Advocate Condell EMS System and Region X EMS and Trauma Committee.

Developed an EMS System wide Rescue Task Force program for active shooter incident including policies, procedure, training and equipment.

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Professional Credentials State of Illinois

ICS-400 Staff and Command
Certified Firefighter III
Certified Fire Officer II
Certified Hazardous Materials - Operations
Certified Fire Apparatus Engineer
Certified Confined Space/Trench - Awareness
Certified Vertical Rescue Specialist - Technician
Certified Roadway Extrication Specialist
Certified Incident Safety Officer
Certified Wildland Firefighter - Basic
Certified Technical Rescue Awareness
Licensed Paramedic

Professional Credentials State of Wisconsin

Certified Fire Officer II

Professional Organizations

International Association of Fire Chiefs
Illinois Fire Chiefs Association
Lake County Fire Chiefs Association
    Executive Board, President - 2010
Lake and McHenry County Specialized Response Teams
    Executive Committee, Chairman - 2010
Illinois Emergency Services Management Association
MABAS Division 4
    Joint Administrative Committee Vice Chair - 2016
Kiwanis International

Awards

Illinois Fire Chiefs Association, Rodney Rockenbach Scholarship, 2002
Yvorra Leadership Development Foundation Scholarship, 2002

Personal

Married to Carol for 17 years
Health: Excellent
Hobbies: Running, Cabinet Building, Finish Carpentry, Water Skiing, Equipment Restoration