

## Short Bio - Sashko

Chief T.E. Sashko (retired) is a 36-year veteran of the fire service and began serving in the fire service as a paid-on-call firefighter/paramedic with the Village of Buffalo Grove in 1979, retiring as the Chief in 2007. He was then selected to serve as the Fire Chief in Mundelein from 2007 until April 30, 2015. Chief T.E. Sashko now serves as the Executive Director for the Illinois Fire Chiefs Association. He has been a member of the Lake County Board of Health since 2003 and was honored to be elected as the President in November of 2013 and continues to function in that role. During his tenure with the Board of Health he has served on the Environmental Health Advisory Committee, the Budget Committee, the Executive Committee and support for the Lake County Veterans and Family Services Foundation.

He is a Board Member for Operation North Pole, a 501(c)3 charity providing special programs to children suffering from cancer and other life threatening diseases as well as other outreach programs. Additionally, he serves as a member of the Greater Chicago Red Cross Heroes Program since 2004, which honors every day heroes each year in the Chicagoland area who have made a difference in the lives of others.

He has held numerous executive officer positions including President of the Illinois Fire Chiefs Association, President of the Metropolitan Fire Chiefs Association, President of the Lake County Fire Chief's Association and Chairman of the Lake and McHenry Counties Specialized Response Teams as well as being the Chair of the Illinois Fire Chiefs Foundation Fund Raising Committee. Chief Sashko was recognized by the Illinois Fire Chief's Association as the "Chief of the Year" for 2006. He also was recognized as the Alumni of the Year from Buffalo Grove High School and Firefighter of the Year award from the Grayslake, Mundelein, and Libertyville Exchange Club of America.

Chief Sashko holds a management degree from Southern Illinois University with honors, numerous state certifications and is a state certified Fire Officer III in Illinois. Chief Sashko is married to Jennifer for 33 years and has two sons who after finishing college are now in the fire service as Firefighter/Paramedics.