



# Lake County Fire Chiefs Association

**President:** Chief Mike Baker      **Vice President:** Chief George Bridges  
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**Immediate Past President:** Chief Dell Urban

October 7, 2019

Sandy Hart, Lake County Board Chair  
18 N. County Street - 10<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Waukegan, Illinois 60085

Dear Chairperson Hart,

The Lake County Fire Chiefs Association would like to recommend that Chief Richard Carani of the Libertyville Fire Department be re-appointed to serve on the Lake County Emergency Telephone System Board for a two year term from December 1, 2019 to November 30, 2021.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Baker".

Mike Baker, Fire Chief  
President  
Lake County Fire Chiefs Association

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Ed Lescher, Deputy Chief	Fox Lake FPD	847-587-3312	<a href="mailto:ELescher@FLFPD.ORG">ELescher@FLFPD.ORG</a>
Peter Siebert, Fire Chief	Lake Forest FD	847-234-2601	<a href="mailto:siebertp@cityoflakeforest.com">siebertp@cityoflakeforest.com</a>
Dell Urban, Fire Chief	North Chicago FD	847-596-8781	<a href="mailto:urban@northchicago.org">urban@northchicago.org</a>

**Richard M. Carani**



**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)

Richard M. Carani

## 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.

**Richard M. Carani**

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.

**Richard M. Carani**

**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