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Objective

- For consideration in the appointment of the Transportation Representative on the Local Emergency Planning Committee.

Summary of Qualifications:

- Currently Chief, Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting, General Mitchell International Airport, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
- Fire Officer IV
- NIMS Certified
- Hazardous Materials Incident Commander
- Fire Instructor III
- Fire Inspector III
- Master's Degree; Emergency Services Management
- Bachelors of Science; Occupational Health and Safety
- Associates Degree; Fire Science

Experience:

November 2014 – Present Chief, Airport Rescue and Firefighting, General Mitchell International Airport, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

- Leads 23 Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting (ARFF) professionals, ensuring the health and safety of nearly 3 million passengers per year.
- Executes and oversees \$4.3 Million dollar annual budget. Develops short, medium, and long range budgetary goals/needs
- Created Department management plans to guide organization both during emergency operations as well as day to day activities to mitigate confusion
- Serves on Milwaukee County and State of Wisconsin Fire Chief's boards
- Manages Training requirements for ARFF as well as first aid/CPR for Airport employees
- Championed first ever focus on health and safety department wide. Changing historic culture

Jun 2013 – November 2014 Fire Emergency Services Functional Manager, Wright Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio,

- Managed \$9.3M Command FES programs; total full spectrum protection of AFMC \$59B infrastructure/74K personnel
- Enlisted manager for 65 military; oversees FES operations and resourcing for 9 bases/7 GSUs/905 firefighters
- Member AF Fire Protection Panel and War Readiness Material Working Group; guides development of FES training and Technical Training Plans
- Deployed in support of AEF Center tasking and mission essential to HQ AFMC Crisis Action Team operations

Jul 2009 – Jun 2013 Deputy Fire Chief, McConnell AFB, Wichita, Kansas, USA

- Led and supervised the activities of 61 military and civilian firefighters
- Performed command and control of aircraft, structural, rescue and hazardous materials emergencies
- Oversaw and conducted training and exercises to maintain proficiency in firefighting operations
- Managed maintenance program for aircraft, structural and rescue vehicles valued in excess of \$3.7 million
- Supported airfield operations for over 22,000 aircraft movements annually and protected 22 assigned aircraft valued at \$5.2 billion
- Provided fire protection for Air Mobility Command Global Refueling mission, 1511 facilities valued at \$2.2 billion, 2 fire stations valued at \$7.5 million, and \$3.7 million emergency vehicle fleet
- Implemented operating procedures to ensure safe and effective operations

- Assumed the position and duties of the Installation Fire Chief in his absence
- Chairman of Occupational Health & Safety committee, reviewed/implemented new directives, answered 361 line items
- On-scene commander for all major emergencies beyond the capabilities of initial command and control

Feb 2005- Jun 2009 Assistant Chief, Operations, Elmendorf AFB, Anchorage, Alaska

- Managed fire protection operations for Elmendorf AFB, Ft. Richardson, and surrounding communities
- Supported assigned and transient USAF, Army, Coast Guard, NATO and civilian passenger aircraft
- Performed as Incident commander for base and civilian airport emergencies
- Emergency response force member for Elmendorf AFB Space Shuttle emergency abort landing site program
- Provided fire protection for ship-to-shore transfer of 25M gallons of aviation fuel per year and 54 storage tanks containing 65M gallons of fuel
- Protects 1,040 USAF, and Army structures, including 1235 military family housing units
- Supervised 79 Military and civilian firefighters
- Co-managed 15 special purpose, crash/structural firefighting vehicles, a \$220K annual budget, flight training program, fire prevention briefings, fire safety inspections and three shift staffing levels
- Assisted hiring, evaluation, training, and promoted civilian workforce

Additional Experience

Apr 2011 – Oct 2011 Quality Assurance Inspector, Eskan Village, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (Operation Iraqi Freedom)

Dec 1993 – Mar 1994 Fire Protection Crew Chief, Khobar Towers, Dhahran, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (Operation Southern Watch)

Education

- Currently pursuing Masters of Science in Emergency Services Management, Columbia Southern University, expected graduation Dec 2015
- Bachelors of Science Degree (Occupational Health and Safety w/Fire Science Concentration), Columbia Southern University, Graduated August 2012
- Associate's Degree (Fire Science), Community College of the Air Force. Graduated June 2001
- Senior Non Commissioned Officer Academy, In Residence October 2011
- AFIT Civil Engineering Superintendent Course March 2010

Job Related Training

- IFSAC Certified: Fire Officer IV, April 2012, Fire Instructor III, June 2002, Fire Inspector III, September 2010, Hazardous Materials IC, May 1999, Hazardous Materials Technician, May 1999, Airport Firefighter, September 93
- FEMA IS-00100.a, FEMA IS-00200.a, FEMA IS-00300.a, FEMA IS-00400.a, FEMA IS-00700.a, FEMA IS-00800.a
- Air Force On Scene Commanders Course, July 2005
- NFA ICS; CPR qualified, ARC First Responder Incident Safety Officer, September 2002 Health and Safety Officer, March 2008

Medals

- Three USAF Meritorious Service Medals
- Three USAF Commendation Medals
- Four USAF Achievement Medals
- Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal
- Armed Forces Service Medal
- International Security Assistance Force NATO Medal