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OBJECTIVE

To utilize my fire and emergency service experience and education to lead North Shore Fire/Rescue as the Fire Chief and Administrator in its mission to serve the member communities and meet the Strategic Goals set by the Board of Directors and Fire Commission.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

1995-Present: *North Shore Fire Department*
2010-Present: Fire Chief
2008-2010: Deputy Chief
2003-2008: Battalion Chief
2001-2003: Fire Lieutenant/Paramedic
1999-2001: Firefighter/Paramedic
1995-1999: Firefighter/EMT

Fire Chief/Administrator (2010-Present):

- Lead and administer a one hundred-thirteen person career fire/emergency services agency providing service to seven communities from five fire stations with a \$14 million annual budget.
- Foster and maintain relationships with the Fire Department Board of Directors, Fire Commission, city administrator/village managers of seven contracted communities, contracted 911 PSAP/Dispatch Center and contracted medical director/EMS training center.
- Initiated Center for Public Safety Excellence Accreditation process.
- Member of State of Wisconsin Fire Chief's Fire Service Accreditation Committee
- Member of State of Wisconsin Fire Chief's Education Association Conference/Education Committee
- Member of Milwaukee County EMS Council

Deputy Chief of Administration (2008-2010):

- Second in command of Department, managing budget and other administrative functions.
- Manage training and staff development for all employees.
- Responsible for supervision of Fire Prevention Bureau.
- Service Director coordinating EMS Operations for a service responding to approximately 4,300 calls per year producing approximately \$1.5 million in revenue.

- Represent the Department and other Milwaukee County Fire Chiefs in negotiations with Milwaukee County for a \$3 Million Annual ALS Service Contract.
 - Lead contract negotiator representing the Department in labor contract negotiations with a one hundred-five member IAFF Local.
 - Deputy Incident Commander at the Patrick Cudahy Fire, one of the largest structure fires in the history of the State of Wisconsin.
 - Secretary/Treasurer of Milwaukee County Fire Training Officers Association.
 - State of Wisconsin Licensed Paramedic
- Training & EMS Bureau Chief (2007-2008).
- Managed training and staff development.
 - EMS Service Director
 - Obtained \$175,000 in grant funding for fourteen suburban fire departments as part of a regional effort to improve firefighter rescue and safety training and resources.
 - Coordinated selection and implementation of a new records management system for the Department in 2008 and provided training to all employees.
 - Implemented Mutual Aid Box Alarm System in Milwaukee Metro Area as a member of a work group consisting of members from multiple municipalities.

Operations Division Battalion Chief (2003-2006).

- Managed five firehouses, consisting of five engine companies, two ladder truck companies, and three ALS/BLS ambulances staffed by thirty-seven personnel represented by a labor organization. Duties included management of emergency incidents, human resource issues, labor contract compliance, budget planning and grant writing.
- Supervised the Apparatus/Vehicle Maintenance Bureau consisting of one full-time mechanic and a thirty-six-vehicle fleet.
- Successfully obtained \$117,000 in federal funding to install vehicle exhaust systems in four fire stations and managed the competitive bid and installation process.
- Advisor of North Shore Fire Department Explorer Post 705.

EDUCATION

- Master of Science Degree, Fire and Emergency Management, Oklahoma State University, 2009.
- Bachelor of Science Degree, Fire Service Management, Southern Illinois University, 1995.
- Diploma, Nicolet High School, 1991.

