

“Leading through the Flames of an Economic Crisis”



Stafford County Virginia Fire Chief Rob Brown

In September 2005 Chief Rob Brown was appointed as Stafford County, Virginia's first Fire Chief. With a national reputation as an organizational change agent, Chief Brown had the exciting task of melding cultures while institutionalizing a new direction in emergency service delivery for Stafford County. Under Chief Brown's leadership, the department has achieved success through increased service delivery levels, increased service delivery performance and has delivered the outcomes desired - - including the implementation of 24/7 Medic Engines, the department's first formal recruit academy and an ambulance transport cost recovery program that captures previously un-tapped revenue.

Chief Brown began his public service career in 1981 as a firefighter/paramedic and was recently recognized by the International City/County Managers Association (ICMA) for 25 years of government service. First appointed Fire Chief of an embattled suburban Kansas City, Missouri, Fire Protection District in 1990 at the age of 27, Brown quickly gained professional recognition when he led the South Metro Fire District through the negotiated agreement with the Missouri Secretary of State's office to halt a lawsuit brought by the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company for the fire district's illegal increase of property taxes while at the same time winning voter support for two successful, back-to-back, ballot issues to increase service levels. Chief Brown went on to serve as Fire Chief in the Cincinnati suburb of Anderson and as Fire Chief of the suburban Denver community of Castle Rock.

Chief Brown holds a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Missouri and is a graduate of the National Fire Academy, Executive Fire Officer Program. Chief Brown has taught extensively for the National Fire Academy in the areas of Emergency Response to Terrorism, Incident Management and Emergency Medical Services Special Operations. His expertise in these areas led to his appointment to the World Trade Center, USFA Response After-Action Review Team. Chief Brown served back-to-back terms as the President of the Colorado State Fire Chiefs, and as the President of the Missouri Valley Division of the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC). Chief Brown currently serves on the Board of the Emergency Medical Service (EMS) Section of the IAFC.



Tempe AZ. Fire Chief (ret.) Cliff Jones

Cliff Jones was a member of the Tempe Fire Department for over thirty-eight years, including 22 years as Fire Chief.

In July 2009, he was re-designated as a Chief Fire Officer through the Commission on Professional Credentialing.

Educational background includes an Associate of Arts Degree in Fire Science from Phoenix College, a Bachelor of Science in Political Science, and a Masters Degree in Public Administration from Arizona State University. In 1999, Chief Jones was selected for, and attended Harvard University's Program for Senior Executives in State and Local Government.

In 1997, Chief Jones was selected Career Fire Chief of the Year in the United States by Fire Chief Magazine.

Professional memberships include the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC), the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), the Institution of Fire Engineers-United States of America Branch and the City of Tempe Professional Development Club.

He serves as an instructor in the Arizona State University Fire Services Program in the areas of fire service program management and accreditation, leadership, fire department budgeting, and fire service administration. Currently, he serves on the Board of Directors of the Center for Public Safety Excellence (CPSE), which is headquartered in Chantilly, Virginia.

Community involvement includes; membership in and Past President of the Tempe South Rotary Club; Past Board of Directors Member and Past President of Tempe Leadership; and service as the Chair of the Tempe Advisory Board of the Salvation Army. Additionally, he serves as a Member of the Board of Directors of the Center for Habilitation.