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Objective

Seeking promotion to the rank of Division Chief of Rescue. I have served JFRD for 28 years, promoting through every rank. Will leverage experience and supervisory skills to ensure JFRD members are providing the highest standard of care, as defined by current medical science and treatment guidelines, to the citizens and visitors of Duval County.

Education

B.S. SUPERVISION AND MANAGEMENT | AUGUST 2011 | FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE AT JACKSONVILLE

A.S. FIRE SCIENCE AND PREVENTION | DECEMBER 1997 | FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE AT JACKSONVILLE

PARAMEDIC | DECEMBER 1996 | FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE AT JACKSONVILLE

Skills & Abilities

MANAGEMENT

- Having been a supervisor over 20 years, I have learned how to effectively manage many personality types and navigate an array of large projects and issues.

LEADERSHIP

- Motivating others to do their very best is important to the success of any organization. I lead by example and enjoy recognizing those that go above and beyond.

TEAMWORK

- I value and enjoy working as part of a team. A group of dedicated and capable employees working towards a common goal is much more likely to excel.

ORGANIZATION

- To be effective and efficient, an organization must be properly organized. I enjoy working with others and fully understand that each person's position plays an integral part in the overall success of the organization.

Experience

DEPUTY DIVISION CHIEF/RESCUE | JFRD | AUGUST 2016 - CURRENT

- Currently serve as second-in-command of the Rescue Division. Assist the Division Chief of Rescue with all duties and responsibilities associated with the division.

FIREFIGHTER – BATTALION CHIEF | JFRD | MARCH 1997 – APRIL 2016

- Transferred to the field as a firefighter in 1997. Since then, I have promoted through each rank, serving primarily in the Rescue Division.

911 DISPATCHER | JFRD | MAY 1994 – MARCH 1997

- Began career in JFRD as a 911 dispatcher.

Professional activities

- Directed operational aspects of JFRD's Rescue Division for past 8 years.
- Managed JFRD Special Events for past 8 years.
- Served in Command and Operational positions in the Duval County Operations Center (EOC) during numerous hurricanes and other large-scale events.
- Member of the Florida Fire Chief's Association, regularly attending meetings, classes, and seminars since 2009.
- Represent JFRD at the Department of Health EMS quarterly state meetings.
- Regularly represent JFRD at the First Coast Disaster Council meetings.
- Treasurer of Fraternal Order of Fire Chiefs' Association 2012-2020.
- Served as the Quality Improvement Officer for JFRD in 2015 during a period of administrative transition.
- Served as interim manager of the Fire Communications Center (911 center) in 2016 during a period of administrative transition.

Personal interests

- Spending time with family (wife and 2 daughters)
- Golfing with friends
- Exercising
- Vacationing in the mountains