

Michael J. Lesniak

2332 Stockton Drive • Fleming Island, FL 32003 • (904) 237-7790 • gssiinc@comcast.net

DEPUTY CHIEF OF OPERATIONS

Dedicated Fire Suppression Chief with 25+ years experience in public service. Strong qualifications in management, training, resource utilization, public safety and emergency response. Well developed leadership and analytical skills as evidence by my desire for continued education to improve fire/rescue operations and emergency medical services. Reputation for strong work ethics and uncompromising devotion to the fire service.

Licensed Building Contractor/Construction manager with a 25-year record of successfully overseeing all phases of multi - million dollar construction projects for government and private-sector clients. Experience includes managing crews of up to 80 subcontractors in a variety of construction/renovation projects. Backed by strong credentials and a proven history of on-time, on-budget and high-quality project completions.

Key Skills

- *Construction/Renovation Projects*
- *Plans/Specification Review*
- *Financial Management*
- *Strategic planning and execution*
- *Communication and presentation*
- *Project Management*
- *QA/QC/Field Engineering*
- *Critical Path Scheduling*
- *Building and occupancy codes*
- *Bidding/Estimating/Proposals*
- *Subcontractor/Crew Supervision*
- *Leadership and team building*
- *Problem solving/decision making*

Experience

Jacksonville Fire Rescue Department (3/97 – Present) • Deputy Div. Chf. Of Operations

Current Duties:

Promoted rapidly through strict promotional requirements to handle increasingly responsible positions culminating in supervisory duty of the Suppression Division. Assigned to Head Quarters as the **Deputy Division Chief of Operations**. Assisted with managing and directing day-to-day operations and activities of the Suppression Division. Duties included the development of policies, procedures and protocols to enhance the Fire Suppression Division. Oversee all new JFRD Fire Station Construction Projects. Supervising the Jacksonville Fire Rescue Department (JFRD) Facilities Manager and coordinating all remodels/repairs at JFRD facilities. Providing directions to Suppression Battalion and District Chiefs as necessary. Directing the implementation of Quality Improvement procedures and ensuring any deficiencies are addressed appropriately. Coordinating all ISO (Insurance Services Office) projects including annual hydrant inspections, engine pump testing, and ladder testing. Responsible for the Ocean Rescue Division and all the personnel. Assisted with management of the Tactical Support Facility. Accountable for policy and procedure enforcement, personnel training, performance evaluations, documentation of emergency response.

I have held the rank of Firefighter, Engineer, Rescue Lt., Suppression Lt., Suppression Captain, District Chief, Battalion Chf. and Div. Chf. Of Operations

GSSI Inc (9/00 – Present) • Owner/Operator

Duties:

Responsible for complete business management and company growth by overseeing entire projects from initial cost analysis to final completion. Responsibilities include project estimating/bidding, awarding subcontractor contracts, permitting, subcontractor scheduling and coordination, critical path scheduling, job costing/analysis, client/subcontractor billing and invoicing, construction project management, structural/architectural inspections, liaison between owners, architects and engineers.

Projects: Jet Blue Terminal Renovation, Delta Airlines Reservation Center Renewal, Independence Air Nationwide, Verizon Wireless, Handling Systems Engineering, Liftpower (See Project Highlights attached)

Clay County Fire Rescue Department (2/96 – 3/97) • Driver/Operator

Duties: Rapidly promoted to Driver/Operator prior to acceptance of a position with Jacksonville Fire/Rescue.

Arko Industrial Group (5/91 – 8/00) • Senior Project Manager

Duties: Responsible for project estimating/bidding, awarding subcontractor contracts, permitting, subcontractor scheduling and coordination, critical path scheduling, job costing/analysis, client/subcontractor billing and invoicing, construction project management, structural/architectural inspections, liaison between owners, architects and engineers.

Projects: JIA Int'l Airport Fire/Rescue St. #16, TWA Air Cargo Facility, Fernandina Beach Fire St. #2, Commercial Pest Control Headquarters, Delta Airlines Reservation Ctr. Renewal Project. (See Project Highlights attached)

Project Highlights

Jacksonville International Airport Fire/Rescue Station #16 (1993) • Budget: \$1.3 Million

Construction and project management from the initial bidding phase through completion of an 11,000 sq. ft. state of the art fire/rescue facility. Federal, local and JIA inspectors were a daily challenge. Energy efficient design coupled with complex electronics tied into the fire alarm and fire suppression systems are an integral part of the technology of this project. Commendation was received from JIA for superior construction and project management.

TWA Air Cargo Facility, Boston MA (1992) • Budget: \$1.1 Million

Construction and project management of a negotiated design/build facility. This two story block building incorporated smoke, fire and carbon monoxide protection systems due to the large amount of vehicles and cargo being moved through the facility on a daily basis. Wet fire suppression systems were installed in the interior cargo storage regions. Dry suppression systems installed along the dock perimeter due to the freeze potential during the winter months. Finally, Halon fire suppression systems were installed to protect all sensitive computer/server equipment that handled the massive distribution and movement of ALL cargo for the Boston/Logan airport TWA facility.

Fernandina Beach Fire/Rescue Station #2 (1995) • Budget: \$950,000

Construction and project management from the initial bidding phase through completion of a 5500 sq. ft. fire station.

Jet Blue Terminal 3 Renovation, Ft Lauderdale Int'l Airport (2009) • Budget: \$840, 000

Project management on this type of job is critical. Stringent security measures not only have to be met prior to commencement but must be followed through the course of the project. Construction and subsequent tie-ins to utilities, fire alarm and fire suppression systems are complex and time sensitive. Accidental activation of any of the fire suppression systems could result in millions of dollars in lost revenue to airport tenants.

Delta Airline Reservation Center Renewal Project, Tampa, FL (1998) • Budget: \$810, 000

Construction and project management of Delta Airlines East Coast Reservation Center. This five story renovation required extensive fire and smoke alarm systems coupled to an intricate design incorporating both dry and Halon fire suppression systems. The redundant design affords maximum protection to the large amount of communication equipment located in this facility.

In 2005, along with our sister company Facility Solutions based out of Portland, ME, GSSI completed 43 new stations in airports across the United States for an up and coming Independence Airline. No small task, as most of the new stations were design/build projects and ALL 43 of the projects were fast tracked and completed within 11 months of Independence Air awarding the contract.

Leadership

Throughout my tenure I have been fortunate to have assisted on multiple incidents and events. Below are just a few of the most recent challenges:

- St. Vincent Parking Garage collapse – Operations Chief
- SAFT Battery Plant Explosion – Operations Chief
- Hurricane Ian Fort Myers Beach Recovery – Incident Commander
- Surfside Building Collapse – Task Force Leader
- Hoegh Xiamen Shipboard fire – Incident Commander after the initial response and Peer support months after the incident
- Multiple Missing persons searches (MEPSAR) – IC and Operations Chief
- Civil Disturbances and Special Events – IC, Operations Chief and Safety Officer
- Covid 19 Pandemic – Operations Chief

Education:

Continuing education for promotional requirements for Fire Suppression Chief/JFRD Fire Officer III in accordance with the Professional Growth and Development Plan.

Certifications and Commendations

1999 Firefighter of the Year

2010 Certificate of Commendation

Multiple Unit Citations

See following pages for Certified Technical Training – Certificates on Request

Surfside Building Collapse Surfside FL Safety Officer Rescue and Recovery

Hurricane Ian Fort Myers Beach Incident Commander Recovery Phase

Hurricane Michael Jacksonville FL OSC (Operations Section Chief)

Houegh Xiaman Ship Fire Jacksonville FL Incident Commander after the initial response

State of Florida Certified Safety Officer and USAR Safety Officer

All Hazards Liaison Officer, L-956/O-402	Active
All Hazards Operations Section Chief, L-958/O-430	Active
State of Florida Certified Operations Section Chief	
All Hazards Div/Grp Supervisor, L-960	Active
All Hazards Planning Section Chief, L-962/O-440	Active
All Hazards Situation Unit Leader, L-964	Active
All Hazards Resource Unit Leader, L-965	Active
All Hazards Logistics Section Chief, L-967/O-450	Active
All Hazards ST/TF Leader, L-984	Active
All Hazards Incident Management Team, O-305	Active
All Hazards Incident Management/Unified Command	Active
Basic Life Support Instructor	Active
BLS HealthCare Provider	Active
EVOC Original Certification	Active
FSFC Fire Officer I	Active
FSFC Fire Service Instructor I	Active
FSFC Hazardous Material Technician State Certified	Active
Out of State Hazmat Courses:	
PER220	Emergency Response to Domestic Biological Incidents Performance Level 24 hrs.
PER222	Public Safety WMD Response Sampling Techniques and Guidelines Performance Level 24 hrs.
PER226	Advanced Chemical and Biological Integrated Response Course/Salt Lake City 40 hrs.
PER 230	Incident Response to Terrorist Bombing/New Mexico, NM 32 hrs.
PER 241	WMD/Nuclear Awareness Train the Trainer/Las Vegas, NV 32 hrs.
PER 261	WMD Hazardous Material Technician Course/Anniston, AL 24 hrs.
PER290	Tank Car Specialist/Pueblo, CO 40 hrs.
PER 291	Highway Emergency Response Specialist/Pueblo, CO 40 hrs.
	Propane IQ 8 hrs.

FSFC Health & Safety Officer	Active
FSFC Incident Safety Officer	Active
FSFC Live Fire Training Instructor I	Active
HazMat - 160 Hour Course	Active
Hazmat IQ	Active
MARINE - Command and Control Train the Trainer	Active
MARINE - Land Based FF	Active
NIMS - G300 Incident Command System, Intermediate	Active
NIMS - G400 Incident Command System, Advanced	Active
NIMS - IS100 Intro to Incident Command System	Active
NIMS - IS200 Incident Command for Initial Response	Active
NIMS - IS700 Introduction to NIMS	Active
NIMS - IS800 National Response Framework Intro	Active
Paramedic	Active
Pediatric Advanced Life Support	Active
Pediatric Advanced Life Support – Instructor	Active
PG&D Incident Safety Officer/Safety Officer	Active
PG&D JFRD CISM	Active
PG&D JFRD Company Officer	Active
PG&D JFRD Fire Officer III	Active
Tablet Command - Initial Training	Active
US National Grid	Active
US National Grid Instructor	Active

USAR (Trained)	Active
USAR Canine Search Specialist	Active
USAR - FLTF5 (Deployable)	Active
USAR Hazmat Specialist	Active
USAR Logistics Forklift Operator	Active
USAR Logistics Specialist	Active
USAR Rescue Specialist	Active
USAR Task Force Leader	Active
USAR Technical Search Specialist	Active
USAR Technician (USAR/TRT)	Active
USAR Wide Area Search	Active

Urban Search and Rescue Courses:

RN2872	FLUSAR Logistics Specialist	24 hrs.
RN3265	FLUSAR Confined Space Operations	24 hrs.
RN3266	FLUSAR Structural Collapse Operations	45 hrs.
RN3269	FLUSAR Trench Rescue Operations	24 hrs.
RN3270	FLUSAR Structural Collapse Technician	45 hrs.
RN3271	FLUSAR Rescue Rope Technician	45 hrs.
RN3272	FLUSAR Trench Rescue Technician	16 hrs.
RN3275	FLUSAR Confined Space Technician	16 hrs.
RN3276	FLUSAR Vehicle Machinery Technician	45 hrs.
RN3358	FLUSAR Task Force Leader	24 hrs.
RN3423	FLUSAR Technical Search Specialist	40 hrs.
RN6741	Florida Health and Safety Officer	45 hrs.
RN7529	Legal Issues for Safety Officers	45 hrs.
RN13439	FLUSAR Hazardous Material Specialist	24 hrs.
	Task Force Safety Officer	24 hrs.

Continued Training:

ATPC 2706	PIO Initial Training	45 hrs.	2018
ATPC 2770	Ethical and Legal Issues in the Fire Service	45 hrs.	2019
AWR 167	Sports Event Risk Management	16 hrs.	2019
DOH	First Response to Radiological Incidents and WMD	8 hrs.	2018
Drones For Public Safety		40 hrs.	2019
Emergency Services Risk Reduction Program to Include:			
Courage to be safe			
Leadership, Accountability, Culture and Knowledge (LACK)			
After Action Review			
Stress First Aid for Fire and EMS Personnel		40 hrs.	2017
FEMA Advanced Professional Series			2018
G141	Instruction Presentation and Evaluation Skills	24 hrs.	2019
G191	ICS/EOC Interface	24 hrs.	2017
G202	Debris Management	16 hrs.	2017
G205	Recovery from disaster: The Local Government Role	16 hrs.	2018
G318	Local Mitigation Planning workshop	16 hrs.	2018
G358	Evacuation and reentry planning	16 hrs.	2017
G557	FDEM Rapid needs assessment	16 hrs.	2017

FEMA IS Courses:

- 00003
- 00005a
- 00010a
- 00100b
- 00100c
- 00120a
- 00120b
- 00120c
- 00130a
- 00200b
- 00200c
- 00230d

- 00235c
- 00240b
- 00241b
- 00242b
- 00244b
- 00271a
- 00301
- 00302
- 00700b
- 00702a
- 00703a
- 00775
- 00800b
- 00800c
- 02900a

L146 HSEEP: Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program Training Course 40 hrs.2017

L449 **Incident Command System Train the Trainer** 40 hrs. 2017

MGT 314 Enhanced All Hazards Incident Management/Unified Command 28 hrs. 2018

Orlando Fire Conference 24 hrs. 2017

Q-0890 Introduction to Emergency Response to Terrorism 24 hrs. 2017

Certified Building Contractor **CBC059469**

Certified Home Inspector **HI6703**

