

Chad Pitman, MPA, EFO

Fire Chief – City of Clearwater, Florida



Chad has dedicated over three and a half decades to the fire service, holding diverse roles across three different fire organizations. He has more than 28 years of experience with independent special District fire agencies, where he gained invaluable experience and expertise related to this type of special purpose government. His tenure within these agencies allowed him to understand the intricacies associated with fire management and emergency response.

In August 2025, Chad was appointed Fire Chief for the City of Clearwater, FL, after serving nearly seven years as Fire Chief for the City of Largo, FL. This appointment reflects his proven capabilities and vision for enhancing public safety. In his role, he oversees efficient fire and EMS operations, advances community outreach initiatives, and sets a clear vision for Clearwater Fire & Rescue. His leadership focuses on empowering leaders at all levels and fostering a culture of excellence and professionalism.

Professional Experience

- Fire Chief (current – Clearwater Fire Rescue, City of Clearwater, FL.
- Fire Chief (Retired) – Largo Fire Rescue, City of Largo, FL.
- Deputy Fire Chief (Retired) – Palm Harbor Fire Rescue
- District Chief – Palm Harbor Fire Rescue
- Lieutenant – Palm Harbor Fire Rescue
- Firefighter/Paramedic – Palm Harbor Fire Rescue
- Firefighter/Paramedic – East Lake Fire Rescue

Educational Background

- Master of Public Administration, Troy University
- Executive Fire Officer (EFO) Designation, National Fire Academy
- Bachelor of Public Safety Administration, St. Petersburg College
- Associate of Arts, St. Petersburg College
- Associate of Fire Science, St. Petersburg College

Relevant Affiliations

- Member – International Association of Fire Chiefs
- Member – Florida Fire Chiefs' Association
- Member – Pinellas County Fire Chiefs' Association
- Member – Pinellas County EMS Advisory Council

Note: Complete curriculum vita available upon request