

# ***Terry Tokarz***

## ***Qualification Highlights***

- Division Chief – Professional Standards for Largo Fire Rescue
- Committed, trained, and experienced professional with over thirty-five (35) years in fire and emergency services in Pinellas County, Florida
- Possess experience in all major functions of an organized paid municipal Fire Department with over fourteen (14) years at the command level.
- Possess Certifications in Firefighting, Paramedic, Fire Officer II, Firesafety Inspector, Fire Investigator, Live Fire Instructor, and Instructor III for the State of Florida
- Possess a Bachelor of Science Degree in Fire and Emergency Services from the University of Florida and graduated Summa Cum Laude
- Possess a Masters of Arts in Organizational Leadership with an emphasis in Public Administration
- Excellent communication and leadership skills shown by various positions and affiliations (Chair of the Pinellas County EMS Leadership group)

## ***Career History***

### **Division Fire Chief- Professional Standards**

3/2016 to Present

*City of Largo Fire Rescue*

Largo, FL

- Establishes and maintains a comprehensive training program to encompass all phases and areas of firefighting and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) that meets ISO, NFPA, state and local criteria
- Oversight of Emergency Medical Services and the Training Divisions
- Consults with Operations Division to determine training needs and schedules training sessions
- Facilitates the wellness program for the department
- Manages the health and safety for department members as it relates to annual and pre-hire physicals, FMLA, worker's compensation, return to work, and post injury or extended illness procedures
- Responsible for internal affairs investigations
- Ensures compliance with state and local EMS and fire certification requirements
- Management of tuition reimbursement program
- Responsible for the hiring and promotional processes for all fire personnel
- Responds to inquiries and complaints from the public regarding personnel conduct

### **Assistant Fire Chief- Special Operations**

7/6/2015 to 6/2016

*City of Largo Fire Rescue*

Largo, FL

- Assist the Deputy Fire Chief in the areas of Emergency Management for the City
- Assist the Division Chief of Operations in special project areas of Fire Operations for the City
- Assist the Fire Chief with specific areas of data management as directed
- Represented the City at Municipal, County, and State meetings in areas of mutual aid, fire suppression, EMS, and other related subjects as directed

### **Assistant Fire Chief/EMS Coordinator**

2/2011 to 5/29/2015

*City of Seminole Fire Rescue*

Seminole, FL

- Oversee the direct day to day operation and management of Fire and EMS services of the Department
- Directly supervise three (3) District Chiefs (Battalion Chiefs)
- Prepared and allocated funding for the Operations, Training, and EMS Budgets
- Represented the City at Municipal, County, and State meetings in areas of mutual aid, labor relations, fire suppression, EMS, and other related subjects
- Developed long-range fire suppression, disaster preparedness and emergency medical programs

### **Interim Fire Chief**

9/1/2013 to 1/12/2014

*City of Seminole Fire Rescue*

Seminole, FL

- Responsible for operations of the Department, including seventy-six (76) employees
- Prepare and allocate funding for the Department's \$8 million operating budget
- Accountable for the fulfillment of all functions of the fire department in order to protect the public by reducing or preventing personal injury or property damage due to fire, medical emergency, disaster, or other life hazards

### ***Other Positions Held at Seminole Fire***

#### **EMS/Training Coordinator (Division Chief)**

1/2008 to 2/2011

#### **Lieutenant Firemedic**

10/2005 to 1/2008

#### **Fire Inspector/ Fire Investigator**

1/2001 to 2/2002

#### **Firemedic**

2/1989 to 1/2001 & 2/2002 to 10/2005

### ***Other Supporting Career History***

#### **Firefighter/EMT/Paramedic**

6/1987 to 2/1989

*East Lake Fire Rescue, Inc.*

Palm Harbor, FL

#### **Adjunct Instructor**

4/1991 to 5/2014

*St. Petersburg College*

St. Petersburg, FL

#### **Emergency Room Paramedic**

12/1999 to 2/2001

*St. Petersburg General Hospital*

St. Petersburg, FL

#### **Assistant Medical Coordinator/Paramedic**

6/1990 to 6/2000

*ERT Team with Bayfront Medical Center*

St. Petersburg, FL

#### **Emergency Room Paramedic**

3/1990 to 9/1993

*University General Hospital*

Seminole, FL

#### **Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)**

9/1986 to 6/1987

*Medic-One Ambulance Service (Formerly Pinellas Ambulance)*

Largo, FL

### ***Education***

**Master of Arts in Organizational Leadership with Emphasis in Public Administration 6/2020**

*Waldorf University*

*Forrest City, IA*

**Bachelor of Science in Fire and Emergency Services (Summa Cum Laude)**  
*University of Florida*

12/2003

Gainesville, FL

**Associate of Arts Degree**

12/1995

**Associate of Science Degree in Fire Science Technology**  
*St. Petersburg College*

12/1994

St. Petersburg, FL

## ***Fire and Medical Certifications***

- State of Florida Firefighter II
- State of Florida Paramedic
- State of Florida Fire Officer II
- State of Florida Firesafety Inspector I
- State of Florida Fire Investigator I
- State of Florida Fire Instructor III
- State of Florida Live Fire Instructor
- Hazmat 160
- Blue Card Incident Command (Certification Expired 7/2016)
- National Board of Fire Service Qualifications Incident Safety Officer (Cert. Recently Exp)
- ICS 100, 120, 200, 300, 340, 400, 700, and 800
- American Heart Association CPR and CPR Instructor
- American Heart Association ACLS and ACLS Instructor
- International Trauma Life Support Provider and Instructor
- Past Pediatric Advanced Life Support Provider and Instructor

## ***Affiliations***

- Current Chair of Pinellas County EMS Leadership Group
- Past Chairman of the Pinellas County Operations Chiefs Committee
- Florida Fire Chiefs Association (FFCA)
- International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC)

## ***Honors***

- Graduated Summa Cum Laude from the University of Florida 2003
- Elected to PHI KAPPA PHI International Honor Society 2002
- Elected to The GOLDEN KEY National Honor Society 2002
- The Florida Distinguished Service Award 1998