

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 (Formally 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)

12/2003

University of Florida

Gainesville, FL

Associate of Arts Degree

12/1995

Associate of Science Degree in Fire Science Technology

12/1994

St. Petersburg College

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