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Fire Chief, Fire and Emergency Services

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STRENGTHS

- 📣 **Incident command**
During complex fires and rescues, established priorities quietly and early, giving crews clearer direction when conditions shifted.
- ✅ **Readiness leadership**
Readiness dashboards made overlooked gaps visible, helping teams address staffing, apparatus, training, and certification issues sooner.
- 👥 **Workforce development**
Coaching, acting assignments, and credential milestones gave officers room to grow, while succession planning became practical.
- 🤝 **Interagency coordination**
Exercises with public safety and healthcare partners built trust before emergencies, making coordination feel familiar under pressure.
- 📊 **Resource stewardship**
Capital planning connected risk with funding choices, giving governing officials a clearer view of long term needs.

SKILLS

Fire suppression Technical rescue

Hazardous materials

EMS coordination

Incident command Risk reduction

Workforce planning

Succession planning

SUMMARY

Fire service executive with 17 years of progressively responsible experience across structural firefighting, emergency medical response, **technical rescue**, hazardous materials operations, preparedness, and department administration. More than nine years in command and senior leadership roles directing multi station operations, major incident response, workforce development, and public safety planning. TCFP and IFSAC **Advanced Structural Firefighter** with current **Texas Department of State Health Services** EMT B certification and a valid Texas driver license. Strengthens readiness across personnel, apparatus, facilities, communications systems, equipment, and training. Guides budgets, capital planning, grants, policy governance, performance metrics, records compliance, continuity planning, and disaster recovery. Trusted by public sector leaders and partner agencies for practical advice on staffing, operational risk, service delivery, resource needs, and **long range initiatives**.

EXPERIENCE

Deputy Fire Chief, Fire and Emergency Services

Prairie Ridge Fire & Emergency Services 📅 January 2022 - Present 📍 Arlington, TX

Direct executive operations and administrative performance across five stations supporting **fire suppression**, EMS first response, technical rescue, **hazardous materials response**, readiness, workforce development, capital planning, and public safety governance.

- Directed five station suppression, EMS, rescue, and hazardous materials operations, sustaining dependable emergency coverage.
- Commanded multi alarm fires and severe weather incidents through coordinated mutual aid and unified response.
- Built a four year capital plan for apparatus, **facilities**, communications, and protective equipment replacement.
- Reworked officer development through **coaching**, acting assignments, credential milestones, and structured performance reviews.
- Presented staffing models, response performance, budget needs, and operational risks to **governing officials**.
- Standardized **readiness** dashboards tracking staffing, apparatus availability, training, certifications, and corrective actions.

Battalion Chief, Fire and Emergency Services

Cedar Valley Fire Department 📅 July 2017 - December 2021 📍 Grand Prairie, TX

Led shift operations for multiple companies and specialty resources, balancing emergency coverage, workforce readiness, training, apparatus availability, incident command, interagency planning, and resource stewardship.

- Balanced company staffing, emergency coverage, training priorities, and **apparatus** readiness across shift operations.
- Commanded structure fires, hazardous materials events, extrications, and weather incidents using incident command.
- Managed annual suppression, rescue, EMS, and officer development training around **operational risk**.
- Documented fleet condition, **equipment** lifecycle needs, overtime pressures, and resource gaps for budget planning.
- Strengthened exercises with **emergency management**, **law enforcement**, neighboring departments, and healthcare partners.
- Converted after action findings into revised **procedures**, targeted drills, and tracked corrective actions.

Captain, Fire and Emergency Services

North Creek Fire Rescue 📅 March 2013 - June 2017 📍 Irving, TX

Capital planning

Grant management

Apparatus replacement

Emergency preparedness

Disaster recovery

Continuity planning

Performance metrics

LANGUAGES

English Native

Spanish Intermediate

MY CAREER



● Deputy Fire Chief, Fire and Emergency Services at Prairie Ridge Fire & Emergency Services (4.8 Years)

● Battalion Chief, Fire and Emergency Services at Cedar Valley Fire Department (4.4 Years)

● Captain, Fire and Emergency Services at North Creek Fire Rescue (4.2 Years)

● Firefighter and Engineer, Fire and Emergency Services at Lakeview Fire Department (3.7 Years)

Supervised a fire company delivering structural firefighting, EMS first response, rescue, and hazardous materials support while strengthening training, documentation, incident command, communications, and firefighter development.

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- Developed drills for fireground operations, rescue, communications, and emergency medical response.
- Served as initial incident commander, setting priorities, accountability, resources, and operational communications.
- Maintained training, inspection, equipment, and **personnel** records supporting certification compliance.
- Provided field input for procedure revisions and apparatus specifications, improving practical safety and reliability.
- Mentored firefighters preparing for promotional processes and specialty assignments.

Firefighter and Engineer, Fire and Emergency Services

Lakeview Fire Department 📅 June 2009 - February 2013 📍 Dallas, TX

Delivered frontline **fire and emergency services** while operating **apparatus**, supporting medical response, documenting equipment condition, completing specialty training, and contributing field insight to prevention and crew readiness.

- Delivered frontline structural firefighting, emergency medical response, vehicle rescue, and hazardous materials support.
- Inspected engines and pumping systems, documenting deficiencies for maintenance and repair.
- Applied **EMT B** skills during medical responses, completing assessment, basic life support, and patient transfer.
- Completed advanced structural firefighting training in communications, accountability, forcible entry, ventilation, and water supply.
- Supported **community risk reduction** through public education, station outreach, and prevention observations.
- Participated in multi company drills and post incident critiques, reinforcing tactics and crew coordination.

PROJECTS

Regional Emergency Readiness Program 📅 2026

Built a coordinated readiness framework linking staffing, apparatus availability, communications, training, continuity planning, and mutual aid. Shared purpose mattered here, since reliable service begins with communities knowing help can arrive.

Fire Service Capital Planning Initiative 📅 2025

Created a practical replacement approach for apparatus, facilities, communications systems, and protective equipment. Long term stewardship gave leaders clearer choices and crews dependable tools.

LEADERSHIP & AWARDS

- Executive command recognition for coordinated response during multi alarm fires, severe weather events, and complex rescues.
- Leadership recognition for strengthening officer development, succession planning, readiness dashboards, and corrective action tracking.
- Professional service recognition for regional mutual aid planning and interagency emergency preparedness exercises.

EDUCATION

Bachelor's Degree in Fire Administration

Texas A&M University-San Antonio 🎓 GPA: 0 📅 2009 📍 San Antonio, TX

Coursework: Fire suppression, emergency management, public administration, fire prevention

CERTIFICATIONS

- TCFP / IFSAC Advanced Structural Firefighter 📅 2026
- Texas Department of State Health Services EMT B 📅 2026
- National Incident Management System ICS 100, ICS 200, ICS 300, ICS 400 📅 2026
- Valid Texas Driver License 📅 2026

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- **Fire Service Operations:** Fire suppression, structural firefighting, technical rescue
- **Emergency Medical Services:** EMS coordination, EMT B, basic life support
- **Hazardous Materials:** Hazardous materials response, containment, decontamination
- **Incident Command:** ICS 100, ICS 200, ICS 300
- **Advanced Incident Management:** ICS 400, unified command, mutual aid
- **Readiness Management:** Staffing readiness, apparatus readiness, training readiness
- **Workforce Systems:** Recruitment, coaching, mentoring, succession planning
- **Public Safety Planning:** Community risk reduction, emergency preparedness, disaster recovery
- **Capital and Budget Planning:** Operating budgets, capital planning, grants
- **Facilities and Equipment:** Facilities maintenance, apparatus replacement, protective equipment
- **Communications Systems:** Emergency communications, dispatch coordination, radio systems
- **Compliance and Records:** Records management, certification compliance, performance standards

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Texas Fire Chiefs Association, Professional Development Participant
- Regional Mutual Aid Planning Group, Agency Representative

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Work Status : Authorized to work in United States. No sponsorship required.

REFERENCES

AVAILABLE ON REQUEST