

Christopher J. Snyder

Experience

- Carpenter 1979-1987
 - Began working as a carpenter's assistant and then carpenter during high school and continued until employment by the Milwaukee Fire Department
- Appointed to the Milwaukee Fire Department (MFD) November 30, 1987
 - Promoted to Fire Lieutenant August 9, 1996
 - Promoted to Fire Captain December 19, 2003
 - Appointed to Fire Captain position at the MFD Training Academy, April 2009
 - Responsibilities as captain at the training academy include coordinating and implementing training for the 850+ sworn members of the MFD as well as recruit training for new hires.
 - Promoted to Battalion Chief February 2, 2011
 - Managing 40-50 members of a battalion at emergency response scenes as well as handling daily staffing and personnel issues.
 - Promoted to Deputy Chief April 22, 2018
 - Assigned to head up the Training Division, with duties including: preparing annual budgets, overseeing all department training, overseeing the Cadet program and training, overseeing Community Relations activities, serving on the Chief's Senior Staff, as well as other duties.
- Peer Fitness Trainer, 2011
 - In 2011 the IAFF program was implemented to help guard and protect members' physical well-being while employed and into retirement.
- Member Chief Officers Association, Vice President 2011-2014, President 2014-present
 - The MFD Chief Officers Association is a meet-and-confer group, per city statute, that addresses salary and benefit concerns with the Department of Employee Relations, as well as acts as a benevolent

group for many worthwhile causes, both internally and externally. Groups include the American Red Cross, Columbia-St. Mary's Burn Center, PFFW Charitable Foundation (formerly WAFS) Burn Camp, and the like.

- Peer Support Team, 2013-present
 - Assisting members struggling with emotional challenges, whether it is job related or personal
 - Organizing and running demobilizations, debriefings, and defusings after difficult and/or traumatic emergency response scenes
- Traumatic Incident Response (TIR) 2015-present
 - A volunteer group that assists departments that do not have an organized Peer Support Team; mobilized when another department has traumatic scene that calls for a debriefing and defusing
 - Responses have included multiple area fire departments as well individual members.
 - In 2020 I assisted in coordinating and implementing debriefings for employees who worked next to or had direct contact the with the shooter, and a defusing for each shift at Molson-Coors Brewery in Milwaukee, after the active shooter situation that took the lives of six brewery workers.
- Instructor, 2009-present
 - Teaching fire safety, tactics and strategy, Incident Command, building construction, mentoring, and other firefighting basics to members of the MFD and multiple organizations.

Education

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| ● 1982-84 | MATC | Fire Science |
| ● 1987-88 | MATC | Emergency Medical Technician - Basic |
| ● 1991 | WCTC | Building Construction for the Fire Service
Fire Inspection
Arson Investigation |
| ● 2000 | MATC | Fire Officer |
| ● 2007 | MFD BIT | NFA ISO Class, MFD ISO Class |
| ● 2008-10 | NIMS | ICS 100, 200, 300, 400, 700, 800 |
| ● 2011 | WTCS | Fire Instructor |

- 2011 Marquette U./IAFF American Council on Exercise Trainer
- 2012 Blue Card Incident Management System
- 2016 Critical Incident Stress Management – Crisis Intervention
- 2016 Medical College of WI Mental Health First Aid
- 2017 Aurora QPR – Suicide Intervention and Prevention
- 2017 Medical College of WI Assisting Individuals in Crisis

Interests

- Family: wife, 6 children, 4 grandchildren
- Physical fitness, sports, carpentry, cooking, music

Volunteer Services

- Choir director at St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 8444 W. Melvina St., Milwaukee, WI, 2004- present
- Chairman, Board of Outreach at St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 2000-present
- Secretary, Board of Directors, Northwestern Publishing House, a non-profit Christian book publisher.
- Member of the Lutheran Chorale of Milwaukee (member since 1984 and president since 1998), a 60-voice choir that presents biannual concerts in the Milwaukee area.
- Preparing numerous dinners at church, as well as preparing and hosting **Firehouse Dinners** for community outreach organizations (*Neighborhood House, Hunger Task Force, St. Marcus Lutheran Church, Lighthouse Ministries, Columbia-St. Mary's Hospital*) that have netted non-profit organizations over \$10,000 in donations
- Columbia/St. Mary's Hospital - Burn Center Golf Invitational Steering Committee, 2011-present
 - This annual event began in 1989 and has netted almost \$3,000,000 in donations to the St. Mary's Burn Center, as well as the Burn Camp, and other similar causes
- Wisconsin Alliance for Fire Safety Board of Directors, 2012-2015, Vice President 2014-2015