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Objective

To protect and enhance the health and well-being of the residents and visitors of Milwaukee with a high-quality suite of preventative and emergency response services.

Education

Northern Illinois University (2018-current) – Master of Public Health
London School of Economics and Political Science (2017-2018) – Master of Behavioral Science
University of Carolina at Greensboro (2015-2017) – Bachelor of Science in Public Health
Milwaukee Area Technical College (2012-2014) - Associate of Arts
Carl Holmes Executive Development Institute (2002-2010) - Fire Service Management

Experience

2019 – Present

Deputy Chief of Emergency Medical Services | Milwaukee Fire Department

Calls for Emergency Medical Service comprises a majority of the MFD's call volume. More than 700 full time staff members complete more than 50,000 advanced and basic life support patient contacts per year. In addition to 12 ALS ambulances, the MFD has over 100 paramedics on fire apparatus, a Tactical EMS team, and EMT training center and a Community Paramedicine program. The EMS division also maintains relationships with several governmental and non-governmental agencies at state local and federal levels to acquire and maintain licensure, ensure comprehensive billing, identify and address quality control issues and participate in research to ensure that our high quality service is efficiently delivered.

2017 – 2019

Battalion Chief / 2nd Battalion | Milwaukee Fire Department

I currently serve as one of three battalion chiefs that manage 33 employees across the six stations in the 2nd battalion, as well as the major emergency responses for three additional Areas of Responsibility, encompassing more than 250,000 residents, employees and visitors. Additional responsibilities include creating and maintaining relationships with local community members, identifying ways to ensure that the MFD is well prepared and integrated into the communities that we serve. I take special pride in creating and managing professional development opportunities for the diverse mix of firefighters, HEO, and company officers under my command.

2017 – Present

Owner / Principal Consultant | Starks-Keys | Milwaukee, WI

I currently serve as the owner and principal consultant for this small firm that specializes in strategic planning, program design, recruiting and professional development. The need for this firm emerged after years of requests for these services from multiple municipal and private organizations.

2011 – 2017

Fire Captain / Paramedic | Milwaukee Fire Department

Held multiple mid level supervisory and management roles in my appointments as a Fire House Captain (2011), Director of Recruiting (2011-2016) and Fire Cadet Program Director (2012-2016). Responsibilities included budgeting, program management, policy creation, training, research and personnel responsibilities for a staff of 40- 60 people. I also functioned as a liaison with community, legal, research and political partners at local and national levels.

2008 – 2011

Fire Lieutenant / Paramedic | Milwaukee Fire Department

Functioned as the company officer of an ambulance (2008) and the Director of Community Relations (2009-2011). As Community Relations Director I served as the Public Information Officer for the MFD, completed fire fatality investigations, authored a pediatric public education

program and coordinated over 500 public appearances annually for the MFD's 900 member staff at the bequest of community groups, schools, civic organizations and political figures.

Awards & Acknowledgements

- Presentations:
 - American Public Health Association (2019): Evaluating the Messenger Effect on African American Men's Retention of Healthcare Information
 - London School of Economics and Political Science – Behavioral Science Poster Session (2019); American Public Health Association (2019): Evaluating the Messenger Effect on African American Men's Retention of Healthcare Information
 - Fire Department Instructors Conference (2017): Recruiting that works
 - Fire Rescue International (2014): The Fire Service Farm League: Developing the Next Generation of Talent
 - Federal Mediation and Reconciliation Service Conference.
 - JobCorps keynote speaker (Leona & Milwaukee, WI)
- Community Involvement:
 - Vice President Milwaukee Brotherhood of Firefighters (2015-2019)
 - Captain Black Men Run-Milwaukee Chapter (2013-2017)
 - Milwaukee County Fetal Infant Mortality Review Board (2010-2011)
 - Milwaukee Job Corps Center Industry Council member (2010-2015)
- MFD programming contributions:
 - +PLUS program author (2016)
 - Cadet Program contributor/author (2012-2017)
 - MFD coloring book project leader (2009)
 - Brecker Bunny program (2009).
- Academic Acknowledgements:
 - UNCG Spartan of Promise Award (2016),
 - UNCG Chancellors list (cumulative GPA 4.0).

Memberships

- Health Emergency Readiness Coalition Region 7 - EMS Caucus Chair
- Milwaukee Area Technical College – EMS Advisory Board
- Milwaukee County EMS Council
- Milwaukee County Shared Services Committee – EMS Committee Chair
- National Academies Foundation: James Madison High School – Advisor, Classroom instructor Academy of Health Sciences
- Milwaukee School of Languages Parent Teacher Student Organization: Vice President