

ABOUT YOUR INSTRUCTOR:

I grew up in Wheaton, Illinois and had set my sights on a life as a firefighter at the young age of six when I was interviewed for a local newspaper and when asked what I wanted to be when I grew up without hesitation, I said a fireman. I am truly living out my childhood dream and feel very fortunate to be able to share my love for the fire service with others.

I have gained valuable on-the-job experience over the last 30+years. I spent the bulk of my fire service career in Illinois and over the past years I have held fire chiefs positions in both Durham, NH and Fond du Lac, WI. My hope is that my experiences in public government can help students to gain valuable insight which I have experienced over my public fire service career. I speak on a regular basis on matters involving the proper use of social media and how social media can assist in effective crisis communications.

During my career I have:

- Developed and mentored firefighters to help them achieve academic excellence.
- Developed various strategies to maintain critical services while reducing costs.
- Guided Fond du Lac Fire Rescue through International Accreditation Process and attained Insurance Service Office (ISO) Class 1 status.