



Tennessee Fire Chiefs Association

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It is very humbling and an honor to serve as the 51st President of the Tennessee Fire Chiefs Association entering into our 53rd year of this proud organization. I look forward to a term dedicated to mission-focused work while at the same time celebrating our five decades-long legacy.

As the fire service continues to evolve from an industry into a profession, I believe the core strength of this or any organization lies with the talented men and women who have committed themselves to public service. The TFCA members serve on the various committees that form the very foundation of the TFCA including, but not limited to:

- TFCA Mutual Aid Committee has developed a response and deployment plan that has quickly become a national role model. This committee has been key player with the TFCA through the development of Version 6 of the Emergency Response Plan, implementation of Statewide All-Hazard Incident Management Teams, the recent expansion of Special Operations, strengthening relationships with TEMA and involvement in developing the National Mutual Aid System, or NMAS, through the International Fire Chiefs Association.
- The Fallen Firefighter Memorial Committee created a state firefighter memorial that we can all be proud of. I want to keep the grounds up In Memory of those that have lost their lives in the line of duty.
- Our Legislative Committee continues to remain extremely active and dedicated by keeping us informed and involved with the legislative processes which affects our personnel, our communities, and our industries as a whole. Some of the TFCA legislation goals include:

- One (1) free firefighter license plate per firefighter per year.
- The cancer bill that passed two (2) years ago. We hope to improve this bill to include other forms of cancer.
- Supplement pay for all volunteer firefighters across the State after completion of training.

This is just some of our goals accomplished with more goals to come.

- Our Health & Safety, Codes, and Public Education Committees provide great information regarding the health and wellness of our members as well as the safety and security of the communities we serve.
- And last but certainly not least, our partner and affiliate organizations including the State Fire Marshal's Office, CTAS/MTAS, Homeland Security, NVFC, TML, the Southeastern Association of Fire Chiefs, Regional Fire Chiefs Associations, the Tennessee Fireman's Association, and the Tennessee State Fire Coalition, among others, who work with us every day to further the mission of creating a "safer" Tennessee.

We need to continue to educate and train our personnel with the new and constantly changing risks we encounter on a daily basis. In the same way, the Tennessee Fire Chiefs Association must continue to evolve and grow to meet the needs of our current and future members.

Again, thank you for providing me with this opportunity to serve and I look forward with eager anticipation to serve as your 51st President.

Respectfully,
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