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“Lessons Learned”

Speaker Biography

Jeff Clark

Assistant Fire Chief Jeff Clark oversees the Operations Section of the Chandler Fire Department where he is responsible for Fire and Emergency Medical response, Special Operations, Community Preparedness, Homeland Security and Emergency Management. He is also responsible for oversight of the following programs: firefighter recruitment, promotions and Homeland Security Grants.

Chief Clark has been with the Department since April of 1991, during his tenure he has held positions as Emergency Services Assistant Chief, response Battalion Chief, Emergency Medical Services Division Chief, Office of Disaster Preparedness Division Chief, Accreditation Manager, Hazardous Materials Technician, Paramedic, Captain, Engineer and Firefighter.

While serving the City of Chandler Fire Department as the Office of Disaster Preparedness Division Chief he was responsible for the management of the City's Emergency Operations Plan, Emergency Operations Center, Special Operations Teams, Weapons of Mass Destruction Response Program and Community Preparedness. In December of 2001 the Chandler Fire Department chose to implement a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program for the citizens of Chandler. Chief Clark was responsible for the development, implementation, evaluation and revision of the CERT program. Prior to serving in this position Chief Clark was assigned as the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Coordinator for two years. As EMS coordinator Chief Clark was responsible for all aspects of the EMS program including response, training and ambulance contract administration. As Accreditation Manager Chief Clark led the Department to become only the 11th agency accredited by the Commission on Fire Service Accreditation International, now there are 118 accredited fire service agencies.

Chief Clark was recently designated a Chief Fire Officer by the Center for Public Safety Excellence. He holds a Masters degree in Administration from Northern Arizona University; a Bachelors degree in Public Safety Administration and an Associates degree in Fire Science. Chief Clark has completed Arizona State University's Certified Public Manager program and holds several fire service certifications from the State of Arizona.

Chief Clark is the Immediate Past President of the Arizona Emergency Services Association, a member of the International Association of Emergency Managers, Arizona Fire Chiefs Association, and the International Association of Fire Chiefs. He is a Governor appointed member, and current vice-chair of the State Citizen Corps Council and the Chairman of the Central Region Homeland Security Advisory Council. He is the Chair of the Arizona State Citizen Corps Council Deployment Committee and is a member of the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Steering Committee. He is also active in several departmental and regional work groups.