



## **Michael Johansmeyer, Fire Chief**

Lake Mary Fire Department

### **Organization**

My name is Michael Johansmeyer, fire chief of the Lake Mary Fire Department. I am asking for your vote as the next East Central Regional Director for the Florida Fire Chief's Association (FFCA). My service to the Florida community spans across 29 years. First, service in the metro sized Seminole County Fire Department for 27 years advancing through all ranks to include the first EMS Lieutenant and first Division Chief of Operations. Currently, my service is to my hometown of 22 years, City of Lake Mary, operating a two-station department that can be best described as "small enough to know you and big enough to serve you" through a premier First Response System. Lake Mary is also where I first was exposed to the Fire Service as a volunteer while in high school where I met my wife of 28 years and raised two children.

I am credentialled through CPSE as a CFO and completed the National Fire Academy's EFO program. My bachelor's degree is from the University of Central Florida (UCF) in Supervision and Management, and I earned a master's degree from the prestigious Naval Postgraduate School, Center for Homeland Defense and Security. Lastly, I am a graduate of the Fire Services Executive Development Institute (FSEDI).

I am an "out of the box" thinker and doer with "Service Before Self" at my core. Over my career I served my local community, region, State, and Nation through a wide range of working groups and committees. I am honored to have played a role in bringing millions of dollars to the State,

creating innovative strategies, executing operational plans, and responding to natural disasters alongside many of you.

- FFCA Executive Development and Leadership – Naval Post Graduate School Master’s Liaison
- Work hand in hand with Florida Firefighters Safety and Health Collaborative
- Central Florida Fire Chief’s Association (CFFCA) District 2, Seminole
- Domestic Security Committee Region 5 Representative
  - FFCA Committees and Sections; Search and Rescue, HazMat Responders, Statewide Emergency, Fire Service Instructor, Aviation (no longer)
- PEMT-MCO work for educating City Managers and Commissioners.
- FFCA ESLI Graduate and Instructor
- GFOA/IAFC Budget and Finance Task Force Member – curriculum development.
- Region 5 RDSTF Fire Chair
- Region 5 Domestic Security Coordinating Group – Fire (SHSGP funding).
- Orlando – Orange County UASI – Fire Representative (hired the first region 5 Haz-Mat-Rick Stilp and US&R-Steve Jones Coordinators)
- FL-TF4 US&R Task Force Leader

My greatest strengths are seeing gaps, building teams and executing strategies. My philosophy is focusing on making people count (inclusion) and honored to be part of the team (equity) while seeking different perspectives and skillsets (diversity). If elected, I look forward to being an advocate for those of you seeking an opportunity to serve the Florida Fire Service.

My passion for seeking the East Central Director position aligns with my role as the Central Florida Fire Chiefs Association District 2 – Seminole position. Likewise, my goal is to be part of the Board of Director’s succession plan and become the President of both these organization in future years. I promise to work hard for you!

Most Respectfully,

Mike Johansmeyer