
William “Trip” Barrs, EFO, CFO
CANDIDATE FOR FFCA BOARD of DIRECTORS, 2ND VICE PRESIDENT

Friends and Colleagues;

I’m Trip Barrs, Fire Chief for the City of Treasure Island Fire Department and I am running for the position of 2nd Vice President on the board of directors for the Florida Fire Chief’s Association (FFCA).

I have served with three fire departments in all ranks and continue to seek out education, training, and experiences that allow me to continue my professional growth and mentor others who desire to advance in our profession. My current education provides a solid foundation for leadership to which I add 32+ years of fire service experience.

Education

- Associate in science EMS/Paramedic, St Petersburg College, 1999
- Bachelor of arts in organizational studies, Eckerd College, 2005
- Master of science in executive fire leadership, Grand Canyon University, 2020
- Executive Fire Officer, NFA, 2013
- Chief Fire Officer designation, 2014

Experience

- Volunteer/paid on call firefighter Safety Harbor Fire Rescue, 1990-1992
- Firefighter, Lieutenant, District Chief, Deputy Chief – Dunedin Fire Rescue, 1992-2018
- Fire Chief – Treasure Island Fire Rescue, 2018-present

As a member of the association for 10 years, I have served in the following capacities:

- Chair of the FFCA Executive Leadership Development Section (2018-Current)
- SERP county coordinator for Pinellas County, 6 deployments as strike team leader or State EOC liaison
- Conference Educational Committee member helping to develop the new Florida Fire Conference

I am excited about the opportunity to serve our organization in this leadership role on the executive board and would appreciate your consideration and support.

If you feel that my experience and vision are what you also envision for the future of the Florida Fire Chiefs Association, please vote for William “Trip” Barrs as 2nd vice president of the FFCA Board.