

My name is Michael Arena and I am a 30 year veteran of the fire service. I have been employed with Palm Beach County Fire Rescue since 1986 and started as a firefighter and worked as an Aircraft Rescue Firefighter, firefighter paramedic, lieutenant, EMS lieutenant, ARFF Chief and battalion chief. I am currently the Battalion Chief for Battalion 2 where I have the following responsibilities/areas of interest:

- Planning and directing departmental operations for 9 fire stations
- Oversee 225 personnel through three shifts
- Budget preparation/administration
- Liaison with 3 municipalities and one water control district and serve as local fire chief
- Chairperson for department apparatus committee
- Team leader with CPSE for international accreditation of fire service agencies

My education includes the following:

- Master of Public Administration (Barry University)
- Bachelor of Science, Fire Service management (St. Thomas University)
- Executive Fire Officer (National Fire Academy)
- Associates in Science, EMS management (Palm Beach State College)
- Fire Safety inspector (Palm Beach State College)
- Chief Fire Officer Designation (Center for Public Safety Excellence)

I am an advocate of the National Fire Academy's EFO program and would be willing to assist students in any way possible.

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