

Gene Prince has been in the fire service for 34 years and is currently the Fire Chief for the City of Cocoa Fire Rescue. Chief Prince served for 30 years with the City of Gainesville, starting as a firefighter and retiring as fire chief in 2014. As chief in Gainesville, the department achieved Accredited Status from the Center of Public Safety Excellence and an ISO 2 rating. Chief Prince has an Associate's Degree Emergency Medical Services from Santa Fe College, a Bachelor's Degree in Fire Science from Columbia Southern University and is a 2004 graduate of the National Fire Academy's Executive Fire Officer Program. Chief Prince has granted the Chief Fire Officer Designation.

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| Experience: | Firefighter EMT/PM | 1982 – 1989 |
| | Driver/PM | 1989 - 1990 |
| | Lieutenant/PM | 1990 - 1997 |
| | District Chief | 1997 - 2003 |
| | Training Chief | 2003 - 2005 |
| | Deputy Chief | 2005 - 2010 |
| | Fire Chief | 2010 - present |

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| Other: | Paramedic 1986-present |
| | Fire Safety Inspector |
| | Instructor III |
| | Peer Assessor Center for Public Safety Excellence |
| | Union President 1993 -1998 |
| | Union Sec/Treas. 1987 - 1993 |

Interests/Project Experience: Accreditation, Professional Development, Labor Relations/Negotiations, Combined Communication Center, Computer Aided Dispatch Implementation, Fire Station Planning/Design, Budget and Finance.