

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.

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

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.