

Trip Barrs is the Deputy Fire Chief for the City of Dunedin in west central Florida. Dunedin is an ISO class 2, three station fire department providing fire and non-transport ALS services to a population of 35,000 residents with 51 sworn personnel. He has 26 years of fire service experience starting in 1990 as a volunteer firefighter with the Safety Harbor Fire Department. He was hired as a firefighter/EMT by Dunedin in 1992 and has held every rank up through Deputy Fire Chief. Chief Barrs has an Associate's Degrees in EMS, Paramedic certification, and a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Organizational Studies. In 2013 he received his Executive Fire Officer and Chief Fire Officer designations. He is a state certified Life Safety Inspector I, Instructor III, and LFTI I.

#### Fire Service Experience:

- Volunteer Firefighter 1990-1992
- Firefighter/EMT 1992-1995
- Firefighter/Paramedic 1995-1996
- Lieutenant/Paramedic 1996-2000
- District Chief 2000-2012
- Interim Division Chief of Training 2012-2013
- Deputy Fire Chief 2013-present

#### Areas of Expertise:

- Fire department administration
- Emergency Management – plan development (CEMP, COOP, Flood Response, , NIMS, EOC)
- Personnel training and development
- Organizational behavior
- Policy research and development
- Marine firefighting/rescue

#### Achievements:

- EFO graduate - four applied research projects published
- CFO designation
- US Coast Guard licensed captain (OUPV)
- Fire Inspector Certification
- Fire Instructor III Certification
- Florida Wildland Firefighting Strike Team Leader qualified

#### Awards:

- 1998 State of Florida Distinguished Service Award
- 2007 Pinellas County Firefighter of the Year
- 2007 City of Dunedin EMS Achievement Citation