

Jo-Ann Lorber is a Battalion Chief for the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida. She has been with Fort Lauderdale Fire-Rescue since January 1996. Chief Lorber holds Associates' degrees in Liberal Arts and Fire Science Technology, a Bachelor of Arts degree in Public Management, and a Master's degree in Public Administration from Florida Atlantic University. Chief Lorber is a 2006 graduate of the National Fire Academy's Executive Fire Officer Program (EFOP). Jo-Ann has been awarded Chief Fire Officer (CFO) and Certified Emergency Manager (CEM) Designations.

Fire Service Experience:

- Firefighter/paramedic 1996-1997
- Firefighter/paramedic (FTO) 1997 – 1999 [field training officer]
- Driver-engineer/paramedic (FTO) 1999-2001
- Lieutenant/Paramedic (FTO) 2001 – 2007
Lieutenant EMS Bureau - 2002 – 2003
- Captain EMS Bureau 2007 – 2011
- Acting Emergency Manager 6/11 – 10/11
- Battalion Chief/Emergency Manager 10/11 – 7/14
- Battalion Chief/Assistant Fire Marshal 7/14 – present

Areas of Expertise:

- Emergency Medical Services (field and administration)
- Grant writing and authorship (awarded and manage over \$6 million dollars of grant awards)
- Emergency Management – plan development (CEMPs, COOPs, Flood Response, High-rise evacuation, NIMS, EOC)
- Training and Development
- Organizational skills
- Research and development and writing
- Fire Department Accreditation and CFO

Achievements:

- EFO graduate – Outstanding Research Award Winner in 2004
- CFO designation
- CEM designation
- Fire Inspector Certification
- Fire Instructor III Certification
- Student in the IAFC's Fire Service Executive Development Institute (FSEDI)
- Committee Member of the IAFC's Professional Development Committee
- Council Member of the IAFC's Program and Planning Council

Awards:

- 2014 Executive Fire Officer of the Year (FFCA)
- 2011 Annual Leadership Award (NSEFO)
- Employee of the Month Ft Lauderdale – 4/07, 5/05, 4/04 and 3/00