

KYLE HILL

I am seeking the position of Fire Chief of the Rockford Fire Department. I am a dedicated professional with over 29 years of experience as both a volunteer and career firefighter and have consistently prepared for the next level of advancement. I have always presented myself in a manner that is consistent with the excellent reputation of the Rockford Fire Department and the City of Rockford. I have been an officer for over 12 years and participated in committees such as the accreditation committee, the grant writing committee, and EMS committee that have all helped to keep our department progressive and moving forward. It is my desire to contribute through a leadership role in continuing to move our department forward and keep us on the cutting edge of technology and innovation.

EXPERIENCE

APRIL 1999 – PRESENT

FIREFIGHTER, ROCKFORD FIRE DEPARTMENT

- Captain 2017-present
- Lieutenant 2010-2017
- Firefighter 1999-2009
- Oversee fire station maintenance, budgeting, and record keeping.
- Deliver expert care to our customers by overseeing three daily work shifts.
- Document shift activities, including emergency response reports, training activities, monthly inventories, and routine testing and maintenance of equipment.
- Enhance customer satisfaction with fast, knowledgeable service.

JANUARY 2010 – PRESENT

INDEPENDENT SAFETY INSTRUCTOR, RUBICON SAFETY, LLC

- Create training programs to address initial and annual OSHA compliance.
- Deliver initial training and annual recertification training to meet OSHA requirements for 29CFR1910.120 Hazardous Materials training.
- Deliver initial training and annual recertification training to meet OSHA requirements for 29CFR1910.146 Confined Spaced training.

OCTOBER 1999 – NOVEMBER 2018

QUALITY AND SAFETY MANAGER, JERHEN INDUSTRIES, INC

- Reported and reviewed findings from accident investigations and facilities inspections.

- Conducted and coordinated worker training in areas such as safety laws and regulations, hazardous condition monitoring, and use of safety equipment.
- Identified weaknesses in existing employee safety programs and recommended improvements.
- Managed ISO-9001 Quality Management System.
- Performed internal quality audits and submitted annual quality audits for recertification.
- Managed customer quality issues and created corrective actions.

SEPTEMBER 1995 – APRIL 1999

VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER, CHERRY VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

- Performed advanced firefighting work in preventing, combating, and extinguishing fires, responding to hazardous materials incidents and emergency medical calls which include special rescue situations such as vehicle and steep angle rescue.
- Participate in weekly department training.

NOVEMBER 1994 – APRIL 1999

PARAMEDIC, METRO MEDICAL SERVICES

- Determined optimal course of treatment to stabilize and treat patients by quickly recognizing conditions and triaging care.
- Coordinated safe and timely transport to medical facilities for continued care of acute and chronic illnesses.
- Provided Emergency Medical Services at special events such as sporting events and community gatherings.

NOVEMBER 1992 – SEPTEMBER 1995

VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER, NORTHWEST FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

- Performed advanced firefighting work in preventing, combating, and extinguishing fires, responding to hazardous materials incidents and emergency medical calls which include special rescue situations such as vehicle and steep angle rescue.
- Participate in weekly department training.

EDUCATION

DECEMBER 2020

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE – PUBLIC SAFETY MANAGEMENT, SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY - CARBONDALE

JULY 2008

ASSOCIATES IN APPLIED SCIENCE – FIRE SCIENCE, ROCK VALLEY COLLEGE

MAY 1990

HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA, CHRISTIAN LIFE SCHOOLS

SKILLS

- Employee coaching, mentoring, training
- Quality assurance
- Teams management
- Emergency management
- Team leadership
- Time management

ACTIVITIES

In 2007, I helped organize a small committee that would eventually build a memorial to honor fallen firefighters, police officer, and EMS workers who had been killed in the line of duty. Today, I am the treasurer of that organization that is now known as the Winnebago County 9/11 Emergency Responders Memorial. The memorial was dedicated in 2015 and is one of the accomplishments for which I am the proudest. It took long hours of fund-raising and education to see it through to the end. It was one of the most difficult projects I have ever worked on and one of the most important. The result was well worth the effort, and it will live on in the heart of the City of Rockford for years to come.

Another accomplishment of which I am immensely proud is our Hazardous Materials Response Team. I have been a student of HazMat throughout my career. As the Captain at Fire Station #7, I am the leader of the regional HazMat team that provides services to both Winnebago and Boone Counties. As with any team, the heart of its success is its people. They are highly trained individuals who are one of the best teams in the State of Illinois and provide an excellent service. It is an honor to lead them.