

Professional Summary – Craig A. Haigh

McGrath Consulting Group is pleased to announce a new member to its consulting team – Chief Craig Haig. After 38 years in the fire service, Chief Haig is retiring from the Village of Hanover Park where he served as Fire Chief, and Interim Village Manager.

During his tenure in the fire service as either a volunteer or career member, his accomplishments include:

- Appointed as first EMS coordinator and developed – implemented the department's first paramedic program.
- As the first paid fire chief – transitioned an all-volunteer department into a combination agency (volunteer and paid employees)
- Was the architect for the merging of an independent volunteer department into a municipal governmental agency.
- Developed and implemented a successful succession plan for the Village of Hanover Park Fire Department.
- Works as a facilitator for fire departments in aiding their development & implementation of their department strategic plan.
- In addition to his duties as Hanover Park's Fire Chief, he has served as the Interim Village Manager.
- Tasked with the creation of the Inspectional Services Division. This new division merged fire prevention, the building department, and the health department into a single agency under the control of the fire department.

He is a regular research partner doing work with the Illinois Fire Service Institute and Skidmore College First Responder Health and Safety Laboratory. He is the recipient of the **2019 International Association of Fire Chiefs - Chief Alan Brunacini Executive Safety Award** given for his work in developing operational practices based on scientific research to reduce firefighter deaths and injuries due to cardiovascular/medical events.

He presents and speaks internationally. He is the author of more than thirty fire service trade journal articles including the new book [The Dynamic Fire Chief: Principles for Organizational Management](#).

Educational Background:

Grand Canyon University

Masters Degree – Executive Fire Service Leadership

University of Cincinnati

Bachelors Degree – Fire & Safety Engineering Technology

National Fire Academy

Executive Fire Officer Program Graduate

National Registered Paramedic