

## **Professional Summary – Gregg A Cleveland**

Chief Cleveland recently retired from the La Crosse Fire Department (LCFD) Wisconsin. He became a career Fire Chief in a combination fire department and retired with nearly 40 years of experience. While Fire Chief of the LCFD the department received International Accreditation from the Center for Public Safety Excellence – Commission on Fire Accreditation International. Chief Cleveland also merged the City's Building Inspections department into the fire department.

During his tenure, Chief Cleveland has been instrumental in advancing the fire service through leadership roles. These include:

- Chairman of the Wisconsin Fire Sprinkler Coalition
- Member of the Emergency Responder Advisory Committee for the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)
- Vice Chairman for the NFPA's Fire Service
- Executive Board and former President of Wisconsin State Fire Chiefs Association
- Fire Service Advisory Board for Factory Mutual Insurance
- Technical Panel Member for Fire Protection Research Foundation of NFPA
- Peer reviewer for the Assistance to Fire Fighter Grant program

In addition, Chief Cleveland worked with numerous state and local legislative council, boards, and committees on a variety of fire and EMS related issues and worked extensively to adopt Wisconsin's first fire prevention code.

Chief Cleveland has a passion for data; using a variety of performance measures to develop, implement, and evaluate public policy for fire and EMS agencies.

A strong proponent of cooperation and collaboration allowed him to create Central Wisconsin's 1<sup>st</sup> municipal paramedic service covering approximately 13 different municipalities encompassing 360 square miles while fire chief in Marshfield, WI. He has utilized this approach in the development and implementation of numerous other programs that include a dive rescue, hazardous materials, and neighborhood services teams, and to address issues such as the opioid crisis, homeless, and maintain safe and affordable housing to communities.

### ***Educational Background:***

*University of Wisconsin Oshkosh*

*Masters, Public Administration*

*Lakeland College*

*Bachelors of Art, Business Administration*

*Fox Valley Technical College*

*Associate Degree in Applied Science – Fire Protection*

*National Fire Academy*

*Graduate of Executive Fire Officer program*