



WISCONSIN STATE FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

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Wisconsin State Fire Chiefs' Association Announces 2021-2022 Board of Directors

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Milwaukee, WI – The Wisconsin State Fire Chiefs' Association (WSFCA) announces their new slate of officers to their 2021-2022 Board of Directors.



Chief David Litton (Green Bay Metro Fire Department) will assume the position of Board President. Chief David W. Litton (Green Bay Metro Fire Department, 2013) was appointed to his position in 2013 after previously serving as Fire Chief for Bolingbrook, IL. GBMFD has eight fire stations and two-hundred career personnel covering a population of over 120,000.



Chief Michael Stanley (Oshkosh Fire Department) assumes the position of 1st Vice President. In 1996, he became a career firefighter with the City of Aurora (CO) where he, ultimately, became the Emergency Medical Services Commander. In 2018, Chief Stanley was sworn in as Oshkosh's Fire Chief.



Chief Joe Pulvermacher (Fitchburg Fire Department) assumes the position of 2nd Vice President. Chief Pulvermacher is proud of his 30-year history in the fire service. In 1988, he started as a volunteer firefighter for the Village of Butler (WI). In 2016, Chief Pulvermacher was sworn in as Fitchburg's Fire Chief.



Chief Ken Gilliam (La Crosse Fire Department) assumes the position of West Central Trustee. Ken Gilliam is a public safety leader with 29-years of experience in Firefighting, Emergency Medical, Technical Rescue, Adult Education, and Emergency Management related fields, combined with 35-years of organizational leadership and management accomplishments. Chief Gilliam was sworn in as the Fire Chief for the City of La Crosse Fire Department in June of 2017.

2021-2022 Executive Committee:

Chief David Litton, Green Bay Metro Fire Department, ***President***
Chief Michael Stanley, Oshkosh Fire Department, ***1st Vice President***
Chief Joe Pulvermacher, Fitchburg Fire Department, ***2nd Vice President***
Chief Joseph Pfaff, Stoddard-Bergen Fire Department, ***Treasurer***
Chief Christopher Garrison, Sun Prairie Fire Department, ***Immediate Past President***
Christopher Ruditys, ***Executive Director***

Board Members & Trustees:

Chief Nathaniel Melby, Town of Campbell Fire Department, *Sergeant at Arms*

Chief Ken Gilliam, La Crosse Fire Department, *West Central Trustee*

Chief Craig Olson, Campbellsport Fire Department, *East Central Trustee*

Chief Jay Heckel, Marinette Fire Department, *Northeast Trustee*

Chief James Case, Wauwatosa Fire Department, *Southeast Trustee*

Chief Ernie Rhodes, Janesville Fire Department, *Southwest Trustee*

George Klaetsch, *Lobbyist*

Award Winners

The Wisconsin State Fire Chiefs' Association announces their 2020 and 2021 Chief of the Year and Safety Leadership Award.



Chief Tracey Kujawa
(Wausau Fire Department)
2020 Career Chief of the Year



Chief Michael Stanley
(Oshkosh Fire Department)
2021 Career Chief of the Year



Chief Carl Weber
(Forest Junction Vol. Fire Department)
2021 Volunteer Chief of the Year

City of Oshkosh Fire Department – 2021 Safety Leadership Award

Even though the COVID-19 Pandemic slowed our progress in 2020, the City of Oshkosh Fire Department was able to implement significant changes to our operations and procedures that improved the safety of our firefighters and the community. These changes are a demonstration of a whole scale cultural shift within the department that has brought the focus on safety into the forefront.

Testimonials:

“As the new President of the Wisconsin State Fire Chiefs’ Association, I’m proud to announce our newest members. I look forward to working with the Board to further the interests of the entire fire service in Wisconsin including volunteer, paid-on-call, paid-on-premise, part time, and career departments!” **Chief David Litton, Green Bay Metro Fire Department, WSFCA President**

Chief Litton is truly a leader who is direct with people and gets the job done. *Mayor Eric Genrich of Green Bay* provided opening remarks before the 2021 Annual Conference and summed it up best, “Chief Litton is an asset to the City of Green Bay and will be a tremendous leader for the Wisconsin State Fire Chiefs’ Association during his term as President.” **Christopher Ruditys, Executive Director** for WSFCA agrees, “There was a lot of buzz in the room throughout the conference about the outstanding attributes that Chief David Litton will bring to the Association.” Ruditys went on to say, “WSFCA is in

a fantastic position with the new leadership team of newly installed officers.” The organization is poised to take on the ever-changing challenges that confront the fire service profession.

“We are proud to welcome and serve the new and returning members of the WSFCA Board. These individuals have top-of-the-line experience in both Fire Service and Emergency Medical Services. They represent some of the finest community leaders in the state of Wisconsin, who have dedicated their lives and careers to the safety of our residents. We look forward to working with the WSFCA to help the association achieve their next level goals,”

Building on rich traditions that have shaped the organization since its founding in 1929, the Wisconsin State Fire Chiefs’ Association has evolved into an active, powerful organization that works to benefit the Wisconsin Fire and Emergency Service and Wisconsin’s Fire Officers. From leadership development to legislative advocacy, the Wisconsin State Fire Chiefs Association provides the resources that its members need to succeed.

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