

Advisory Board & Committee Interest Form - Submission #28416

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Last Name*

Schechter

First Name*

Peter

District # You Live In.*

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Home Address*

1021 Van Buren Street

City*

HOLLYWOOD

State*

FL

Zip Code*

33019

Home Phone

7862393483

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7862393483

Email Address*

pschechter@earthlink.net

Owner or Renter *

rent

Number of years as city resident*

6

Are you registered to vote in Broward County?*

Yes

Education (highest degree / level)

bs

Occupation*

Fire & Explosion Investigator

Work Phone

7862393483

Business Name*

Deere & Company

Business Address

1021 Van Buren Street

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Identify the board / committee(s) to which you request appointment (Please rank in order of preference)

Selection (1)*

Sustainability Advisory Committee

Selection (2)*

None

Selection (3)*

None

Selection (4)*

None

Affordable Housing Advisory Committee - Questions*

Please answer these five questions above. 1. In your opinion what is the greatest challenge to keeping housing affordable in Hollywood? 2. Which of the following disciplines are you most skilled? • Home Purchase Education, • Housing Market Employment, • Housing Market Stability, • Affordable Housing Construction, * Affordable Housing Activism. 3. Which of the following disciplines are you most passionate? • Ownership Housing Affordability, • Rental Housing Affordability, • Housing Market Stability, • New Housing Construction, * Fair Housing. 4. What (if any) life experience motivated you toward volunteerism? 5. What role does housing diversity play in Hollywood's economic health?

African American Advisory Council - Questions*

Please answer these five questions above. 1. What is the greatest challenge facing the African American Community in Hollywood? 2. How many hours per month can you dedicate to AAAC initiatives? 3. Which of the following disciplines are you most skilled? * Education, * Employment, * Economics, * Cultural Awareness, * Housing. 4. Which of the following disciplines are you most passionate? * Education, * Employment, * Economics, * Cultural Awareness, * Housing. 5. What (if any) life experience motivated you toward volunteerism?

Artwork Selection Committee - Questions*

Please answer these five questions above. 1. What are your primary interest in City Government and City Services? 2. Why do you want to join the Artwork Selection Committee? 3. What other relevant organizations, clubs, or associations were you previously, and/or currently are involved in? 4. Are you available to attend regular committee board meetings scheduled for the Second Monday each month at 5:30pm? 5. What is your one area of highest interest related to the Arts within the City of Hollywood?

Civil Service Board - Questions*

Please answer these five questions above. 1. Describe your involvement with establishing, reviewing and interpreting policies and procedures? 2. Describe your involvement in employment practices including interviewing, testing, hiring, selection and promotion, demotions, transfers, etc. 3. Describe your knowledge of Civil Service and its purpose. 4. Why do you want to serve on this Civil Service Board? 5. Are you a continuous resident of and continuous registered elector in the City of Hollywood?

Community Development Advisory Board - Questions*

Please answer these five questions above. 1. Do you reside in a low and moderate income (LMI) neighborhood in Hollywood per the most recent US Census data? A Hollywood LMI Map is located at www.hollywoodfl.org on the Community and Economic Development webpage. 2. What Community Development issues do you believe are the most important to Hollywood? 3. What is your definition of a healthy neighborhood? 4. What do you believe is the vision and primary work of the Community Development Advisory Board? 5. What do you believe uniquely qualifies you to serve on the Community Development Advisory Board?

Education Advisory Committee - Questions*

Please answer these five questions above. 1. What are the current challenges facing education? 2. What is your vision for education in Hollywood? 3. What do you see as the primary work of the Education Advisory Committee? 4. With only one meeting a month, the Committee is limited in what it can do. How does/should the Committee decide what's most important? 5. How can the Committee know if its mission and goals are being accomplished?

Employees' Retirement Plan - Questions*

Please answer these five questions above. 1. Are you familiar with the State's Sunshine Laws (Chapter 119 of the Florida Statutes)? 2. Are you available to attend in person regular monthly Board meeting (typically held the 4th Tuesday of each month)? 3. What knowledge, skills and/or abilities will you bring to the Employees' Retirement Plan? 4. What do you believe are the responsibilities of a trustee on a municipal retirement plan board? 5. Are you familiar with municipal defined benefit retirement plans and/or have previous experience serving on a municipal retirement plan board?

Firefighters Pension Board - Questions

Please answer these five questions above. 1. What knowledge, skills and abilities would you bring to the meetings? 2. What experience do you have with firefighter pensions? 3 What is your financial background? 4. How many years have you lived in Hollywood? 5 How familiar are you with local retirement systems?

General Obligation Bond Oversight Advisory Committee - Questions*

Please answer these four questions above. Why do you want to join the GO Bond Oversight Advisory Committee? 2. Explain how your personal and/or professional experiences will contribute to the meeting the goal(s) of the Board or City. 3. Which Bond interests you the most? Public Safety? Parks/Golf/Open Space or Neighborhoods & Resiliency? 4. What is your perspective on city quality of life, healthy neighborhoods, economic development & a strong tax base?

Historic Preservation Board - Questions*

Please answer these five questions above. 1. How have you prepared yourself to serve on the Historic Preservation Board? 2. Explain how your personal and/or professional experiences will contribute to the meeting the goal(s) of the Board or City. * Personal experiences, * Professional experiences. 3. What is your perspective on balancing growth of the City's tax base, within the Historic Districts, while maintaining neighborhood stabilization? 4. How would you balance historic architecture with modern architectural styles? 5. What do you like about the City's different Historic Districts?

Hollywood Centennial Celebration Committee*

Please answer these five questions above. 1. What is your primary interest in serving on the Committee? 2. What is your financial/accounting background? 3. What knowledge, skills and abilities would you bring to the meetings? 4. What other organizations and/or associations were you previously, and/or currently involved with? 5. Are you available to attend regular committee meetings? (dates to be determined by all members)

Hollywood Housing Authority - Questions*

Please answer these five questions above. 1. In your opinion what is the greatest challenge to keeping housing affordable in Hollywood? 2. Which of the following disciplines are you most skilled? * Property Management, * Affordable Housing Administration, * Housing Market Stability, * Affordable Housing Construction, * Affordable Housing Activism. 3. Which of the following disciplines are you most passionate? * Property Management, * Rental Housing Affordability, * Housing Market Stability, * New Housing Construction, * Fair Housing. 4. What (if any) life experience motivated you toward volunteerism? 5. What role does housing diversity play in Hollywood's economic health?

Marine Advisory Board - Questions*

Please answer these five questions above. 1. What is your involvement with the City of Hollywood's Waterways? 2. What will guide your decisions on this board? 3. Are you able to dedicate 2-3 hours a month to attend the meetings? Attendance is paramount to this Board being able to get things done. 4. Are you currently or have you been a boater, marine industry professional or involved in any other marine related industry? 5. What is your vision for the city of Hollywood's Waterway system?

Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts Advisory Board - Questions*

Please answer these six questions above. 1. How many events have you attended in the past year at any of the parks and athletics facilities in the City? 2. How many City-sponsored special events have you attended for the past year? 3. Are you available to attend regular Board meetings? Regular meetings are on the 1st Thursday of the month for 8 months per calendar year. 4. What is your one area of highest interest related to the parks, recreation and cultural arts for the City? 5. What other relevant organizations, clubs, or associations were you previously, and/or currently are involved in? 6. How does parks, recreation and cultural arts contribute to quality of life?

Planning & Development Board - Questions*

Please answer these five questions above. 1. How have you prepared yourself to serve on the Planning and Development Board? 2. Explain how your personal and/or professional experiences will contribute to the meeting the goal(s) of the Board or City. * Personal experiences, * Professional experiences. 3. What is your perspective on balancing growth of the City's tax base while maintaining neighborhood stabilization? 4. What recent developments within the City are most proud of? 5. What is a Comprehensive Plan?

Police Officer's Pension Board - Questions

Please answer these five questions above. 1. What is a fiduciary? And what is your responsibility to the police pension plan as a fiduciary? 2. What is the Sunshine Law? 3. What is Asset Allocation & Diversification? 4. Explain the history of Chapter 99-1 and Chapter 185? 5. Define the role of the Actuary and the Auditor?

Sister Cities Advisory Committee - Questions*

1. Do you speak more than one language? If so, what languages do you speak? 2.Do you have experience in travel, cultural exchange, and/or fund-raising? Please describe. 3. Which Sister City focus areas are you most passionate about: a. Art and Culture; b. Business and Trade; c. Community Development; d. Youth and Education. 4. What (if any) life experience motivated you toward volunteerism? 5. Please describe why you are interested in serving on the Sister Cities Advisory Committee.

Sustainability Advisory Committee - Questions*

1. Proactively give back to the community and help chart its future and environmental impacts.

2. No but have read the minutes and observed progress in the area and region and also recognize the challenges posed by climate change and mixed use increased development.

3. My background is primarily in public safety, emergency management, and life safety related issues concerning community development and planning, code development, code enforcement, etc. Having lived in several island based eco systems in the Bahamas and Caribbean I recognize the interconnected nature of a community and its natural resources, and I think we can do a better job with storm water runoff and other trending threats faced by a seaside community. I bring to the table an analytical, pragmatic view point targeting the greater good.

My work does involve a great deal of travel but I can commit to regular meeting and task group attendance.

My experience includes working as a community board member in other localities, as well as an emergency manager and code official. Currently I take an active role with the S FL Planning Commision (S FL LEPC), the National Fire Protection Association (technical committee member and chair - fire and rescue technical training standards) and the Transportation Research Board of the National academy of Sciences (Aviation Safety & Security Committee). I am also a member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police Arson & Explosives Task Group.

I currently manage/lead a team of fire engineers/forensic investigators world wide for a large equipment manufacturer.

CV and references upon request.

Please answer these five questions above. 1. Why do you want to join the committee? 2. Have you attended any committee meetings? If so, how many? 3. What knowledge, skills, and abilities would you bring to the committee if appointed? 4. What other organizations, clubs, or associations are you involved in? 5. Are you available to attend regular committee and subcommittee meetings? Regular meetings are held monthly with subcommittee meetings held as needed. 6. What types of projects would you like to see the committee work on?

Young Circle ArtsPark Advisory Board - Questions*

Please answer these five questions above. 1. What are your primary interest in City Government and City Services? 2. How many ArtsPark events have you attended within the past year? 3. What other relevant organizations, clubs, or associations were you previously, and/or currently are involved in? 4. Are you available to attend regular committee board meetings scheduled for the Second Tuesday each month at 5:30 pm? 5. What is your one area of highest interest related to the ArtsPark at Young Circle?

Are you interested in serving on more than one board/committee?*	If so, how many?*
No	0

Applicant must attend at least one board/committee meeting prior to consideration of application for every board applied. Please list board/committee meetings you attended in the last year?*

will attend next

Are you currently on a County or City Board?*

Yes



If yes, please describe

South Florida Local Emergency Planning Committee

If you are applying for a board / committee, which has specific requirements / categories, please detail how your background and/or experience meets the required criteria.*

see attached CV

Please describe your professional and/or volunteer experience or background, which best qualifies you for selection to the board / committee.*

see attached CV

Are you presently employed by the City of Hollywood?*

No



If so, in what capacity?*

n/a

Attach Resume (only .doc and .pdf files)*

pete resume 09162024.pdf

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OBJECTIVE Position of increasing responsibility in the administration and delivery of aviation safety programs including training, implementation, and event investigation. To make a difference, embrace challenge and change, and have fun in the process.

BACKGROUND SUMMARY

40 years experience in the administration and operational delivery of public safety services, 22 years experience conducting complex Criminal and Civil fire/explosion cause and origin investigations, 11 years experience as a Fire & Rescue Training Coordinator; 25 years of increasingly responsible experience in Public Safety and Emergency Management Services Delivery, Training, Operations and Administration culminating at Chief of Department; Proficiency in PC based tools and applications, technical writing, creative problem solving, systems thinking, IMS, service delivery assessment and benchmarking and process improvement strategies.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

JOHN DEERE & COMPANY

Hollywood, FL (remote office)

Supervisory Staff Engineer: Fire & Explosion Investigations 2023-Present

- Lead a team of investigators in system wide effort to proactively manage fire risk
- Develop a systematic process for case management and investigative work product
- Implement quality assurance and controls to ensure accurate findings
- Develop and implement continuous process improvement with EDPD
- Implement and manage recurrent competency based professional qualifications training
- Help manage electrification and battery system risk

JET BLUE AIRWAYS

Ft. Lauderdale (FLL Airport), FL

Supervisor: Airports Safety 2017-2023

- Primary safety practitioner for a large complex diverse commercial air carrier focus city
- Conduct Accident, Near Miss, Mishap Investigations, identify trends, Manage Risk
- Develop & Implement Risk Reduction Programs (Behavioral Safety Based)
- Responsible for approximately 1200 crew members in multiple work groups based in FLL
- Act as liaison to other public safety and stakeholder entities (internal/external)
- Define & Deploy Continuous Improvement Processes and Force Multipliers

INDEPENDENT PROFESSIONAL

Hollywood, FL

Fire & Explosion Investigator/ Public Safety Consultant 2014 – Present

- Manage folio of fire and explosion cause and origin projects
- Conduct detailed scene examinations (standards based)
- Document event findings, evidence artifacts, witness statements
- Develop and analyze cause and origin of events
- Generate detailed and accurate reports of findings in multiple formats
- Deliver expert testimony in support of investigative findings
- Independent contractor and subject matter expert for public safety training & operations analysis

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NEFCO FIRE INVESTIGATIONS

Nashua, NH (work location: Hollywood, FL)

Fire & Explosion Investigator

2013 – 2015

- Manage folio of fire and explosion cause and origin projects
- Conduct scene examinations
- Document event findings, evidence artifacts, witness statements
- Develop and analyze cause and origin of events
- Generate detailed and accurate reports of findings in multiple formats
- Deliver expert testimony in support of investigative findings

PRONET GROUP

Houston, TX (work location: Miami, FL)

Fire & Explosion Investigator

2012 – 2013

- Manage folio of fire and explosion cause and origin projects
- Conduct scene examinations
- Document event findings, evidence artifacts, witness statements
- Develop and analyze cause and origin of events
- Generate detailed and accurate reports of findings in multiple formats
- Deliver expert testimony in support of investigative findings

DONAN ENGINEERING

Louisville, KY (work location: Miami, FL)

Fire & Explosion Investigator

2011 – 2012

- Manage folio of fire and explosion cause and origin projects
- Conduct scene examinations
- Document event findings, evidence artifacts, witness statements
- Develop and analyze cause and origin of events
- Generate detailed and accurate reports of findings in multiple formats
- Deliver expert testimony in support of investigative findings

ADVANCED RESPONSE CONCEPTS

Gardner, MA (remote work location)

Senior Program Manager: Public Safety & Homeland Security

2007 – 2011

- Manage folio of multiple concurrent complex system integration and R&D efforts
- Communicate with vendors, customers, senior management
- Develop use case documents and process and workflow mapping
- Write specifications and requirements for system integration (CAD/RMS)
- Produce written reports for varying audiences; present findings to groups
- Engage in development projects conducting field research and data collection
- Develop public safety / homeland security solutions integrating multiple technologies

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YACHT MV LORA

Great Exuma, Bahamas / Tortola, British Virgin Islands /Caribbean region

Captain

2006 - 2008

- Operate 85 ft. 150 GT vessel without supervision on passage in open sea conditions
- Maintain and operate complex and critical mechanical, electronic, propulsion systems
- Manage crew work assignments and resources effectively
- Conduct dive operations (day and night) in varying conditions
- Manage operational and administrative responsibilities of Seven-Million-dollar asset
- USCG Licensure (all training and testing completed successfully)

GOVERNMENT OF THE BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS – FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE

Tortola, British Virgin Islands

Training Coordinator/Fire & Explosion Investigator

2005 - 2007

- Perform training & operational systems assessment of national Fire & Rescue service
- Make recommendations for process and service delivery improvement
- Develop budgetary documents to support proposed programs
- Implement multiple levels of competency and standards-based training
- Initialize agency and officer accreditation project
- Develop internationally recognized standards-based certification systems
- Develop, design, and plan to construct a state-of-the-art training facility
- Conduct fire & explosion cause and origin investigations

CRAWFORD & COMPANY – FIRE AND FORENSIC UNIT

Philadelphia, PA

Fire and Explosion Investigator

2003 to 2005

- Conduct fire cause and origin investigations of varying complexity
- Coordinate specialized investigative resources (public and private sector)
- Prepare detailed written reports of investigative findings
- Identify, document, preserve and collect physical evidence maintaining chain of custody
- Photograph and map event scenes using complex digital imaging equipment
- Render expert testimony in civil and criminal proceedings
- Interview witnesses, suspects, and subject matter experts

KEYSTONE MUNICIPAL SERVICES

Morton, PA

Consultant – External Service Provider

2003 to 2005

- Conduct plan and project reviews for life safety code compliance (multiple code sets)
- Perform Zoning Officer and other outsourced support functions in multiple municipalities
- Inspect buildings and premises for code and project/plan document compliance
- Provide Fire Marshal and cause & origin investigative services
- Develop/write performance-based position descriptions and develop selection process
- Create, administer, and manage Strategic Planning process for Fire Services Improvement

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TOWNSHIP OF BRISTOL, BUREAU OF FIRE PREVENTION

Bristol, PA

Chief Fire Marshal

2001 to 2003

- Manage large case load of fire cause and origin investigations of varying complexity
- Document investigative findings in written (electronic) and photographic form
- Provide expert court testimony in Federal, State, magistrate level (civil and criminal)
- Manage fire inspection division activities; prepare budgets, maintain financial data
- Coordinate Emergency Management operations, planning, critical incident response
- Conduct highly complex facility & life safety systems plan reviews applying relevant codes
- Interact with local, county, state, and federal law enforcement on daily ongoing basis
- Coordinate complex / routine activities of five high volume fire stations and two ALS providers
- Develop and write specifications for CAD and other technology-based systems

HARFORD MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY

2000 to 2001

Bel Air, MD

Loss Control Consultant (field)

- Conduct detailed loss control inspections of complex occupancies
- Analyze inspection data to identify risks
- Formulate recommendations to manage risks and present to underwriters
- Document all inspection activities with digital imaging equipment
- Write accurate reports and present findings in a clear and concise manner
- Develop data collection and tracking system for managing inspection data
- Develop and Present training to underwriting staff as directed

PUBLIC PLANNING & MANAGEMENT GROUP

1998 to 2001

Hatfield, PA

Interim Code Enforcement Officer (Lansdowne Boro, PA)

- Perform use and occupancy inspections of a wide range of premises
- Interpret Boro zoning ordinances and communicate with stakeholders
- Perform Plan reviews for code compliance and generate corrective feedback
- Assist and interact with administration and citizens in complex situations
- Generate accurate written reports for various target audiences; present findings (concurrent with other full time employment)

COUNTY OF BUCKS (PA) EMERGENCY SERVICES TRAINING CENTER

1992 to 2000

Doylestown, PA

Fire/Rescue Training Coordinator

- Research, develop, deliver specialized public safety curriculum and training programs
- Conduct needs assessments, map workflow, develop training strategies
- Develop, implement, manage, and validate performance measurement systems
- Provide logistical support for program delivery and manage regional resources
- Develop and implement accredited competency-based certification system (NPQS/IFSAC)
- Support regional Public Safety Community with state-of-the-art training, testing and certification services and participate in their continual development and improvement
- Lead development & delivery of accredited testing/certification programs across the enterprise

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US NAVY, WILLOW GROVE NAVAL AIR STATION

1986 to 1992

Horsham, PA

Firefighter: ARFF/Structural/Technical Rescue/Hazmat

- Perform various highly technical Fire & Rescue functions in airport and municipal setting
- Assist in development, start up, and operation of regional Hazmat response unit
- Conduct Inspections, perform Hazard Analysis; take corrective action; document findings
- Act in the capacity of ARFF Captain or supervisory staff as assigned for duty tours
- Operate complex specialized suppression and rescue equipment in high volume airport
- Maintain extensive knowledge of complex aircraft egress systems, fuel systems, armament
- Operate in a high hazard and high-volume aviation environment with 24/7/365 flight ops

WARRINGTON TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT

1975 to 2004

Warrington, PA

Chief of Department

- Responsible for all operational and administrative activities of municipal fire department
- Lead a municipal combination fire and rescue department successfully through change
- Perform incident management functions at incidents of varying complexity
- Effectively identify and manage risk to create as safe a working environment as possible
- Work as a member of a team to develop specifications and integrate technology
- Preparation of operational / capital equipment budget; justification, programming, acquisition
- Safely and efficiently manage resources (including personnel) during all operational phases
- Perform cause and origin investigations of all incidents within first due response area
- Generate accurate written reports and other factual documents to a wide audience
- Interact with and support other agencies on continual basis during complex operations
- Facilitate and lead ongoing strategic planning efforts internally and externally
- Report to city manager and elected officials as required; present briefings; public speaking

BUCKS COUNTY HAZARDOUS INCIDENT RESPONSE TEAM

1985 to 2005

Bucks County, PA

Battalion Chief - Hazmat Technician

- Respond to fixed facility - transportation Hazardous Materials Incidents of varying scope and complexity for the purpose of controlling and mitigating hazards
- Assist in budget preparation, strategic, training, and operational planning
- Conduct training for team staff and support agencies as well as customer agencies
- Adapt to changing response roles (WMD and Terrorism scenarios) regionally and locally
- Participate in regional terrorism training scenarios and activities in support of UASI region III
- Assist in development of inter-agency operational protocols and systems development

TEMPLE UNIVERSITY

1998 to 2005

Philadelphia, PA

Vocational Education Consultant

- Perform credential validations for potential public safety curriculum teaching candidates
- Develop criteria for the assessment of professional competency of specialty educators
- Establish and create new public safety curriculum for primary and secondary schools
- Assisted with the development and implementation of a highly successful Protective Services program (Police/Fire/EMS) at Middle Bucks Institute of Technology, Jamison, PA.

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UNDERWATER WORLD DIVE CENTER**2000 to 2005**

Horsham, PA

Dive Master / Customer Sales Associate / Assistant Instructor (part-time)

- Perform retail sales function in a premier NAUI SCUBA dive center
- Assist in water-based dive training programs and student performance evaluations
- Conduct practical skills exams (certification dives) under varying conditions
- Act in the capacity of dive master as assigned
- Perform technical equipment repairs and assembly tasks

VIRGIN ISLANDS SEARCH & RESCUE**2005 to 2007**

Tortola, VG

Rescue Crew Member / Assistant Trainer

- Perform crew functions during complex ocean search and rescue and at sea EMS incidents
- Assist in maintaining complex technical equipment (vessel mounted and portable)
- Conduct emergency medical patient care up to 20 miles offshore at the EMT-B level
- Develop and present training to crew and external resources
- Interact with international resources (DOD and Coast Guard components of multiple countries)
- Operate in varying weather and sea conditions providing 24/7/365 operations

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PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES: TRANSPORTATION RESEARCH BOARD 2020 to Present
Washington, DC

Task Group Member: Airport Emergency Planning – Unplanned Terminal Evacuations

- Working as a member of a team act as a public safety SME to develop and publish an RFP for FAA funded study and work product to manage terminal evacuation and reopening from unplanned emergency events.

ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS OFFICIALS 2007 to 2012
Daytona Beach, FL

Task Group Member: Legislative Action in support of Public Safety Broadband Initiative

- Working as a member of a team, lobby legislators in support of the Public Safety Broadband Initiative (D-Block) also known as FirstNet.

NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION 1996 to Present
Quincy, MA

Member: Technical Committee Principal - NFPA 1006 - 1670 - 2400

Working individually and as a member of a team develop and create performance based nationally recognized Professional Qualifications standards for Technical Rescuers (NFPA 1006 and 1670) and Small Aircraft Systems (UAV's).

Chair: NFPA 1402 (Standard on Fire and Rescue Training Facilities and Props)

- Chair of the NFPA 1402 Technical committee, tasked with leading and managing a team writing standards for fire training facilities and props.

INTERNATIONAL FIRE SERVICE ACCREDITATION CONGRESS 1994 to 2000
Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK

Accreditation Visit Site Team Leader

- Acting as facilitator perform accreditation site visits to entities seeking accreditation for Fire and Rescue Training and Certification Systems
- Conduct interviews, perform assessments, review testing and certification materials, observe certification processes
- Prepare, review and present written and oral testimony to support site team findings; resolve conflicts and recommend board and congress actions.

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIRE CHIEFS 1990 to Present
Alexandria, VA

Member

- Volunteer & Combination Officers Section – Charter Member
- Represent IAFC Technical Rescue section in pro-qual standards making process

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CHIEFS OF POLICE 2006 to present
Washington, DC

Member

- Arson & Explosion Investigation Task Group

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ARSON INVESTIGATORS 2001 to Present
St. Louis, MO

Member

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INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR IDENTIFICATION

2006 to Present

Mendota Heights, MN

Member

FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF FIRE INVESTIGATORS

2005 to Present

Zephyrhills, FL

Member

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIRE & ARSON INVESTIGATORS

2002 to Present

Sarasota, FL

Member (NFPA 921/1033 Certified Fire and Explosion Investigator)

AIRCRAFT RESCUE & FIREFIGHTING WORK GROUP

2001 to Present

Washington, DC

Member

INTERNATIONAL FIRE SERVICE TRAINING ASSOCIATION

2011 to 2012

Stillwater, OK

Curriculum Committee Member: Vehicle Extrication Text Project

Technical Writer: Technical Rescue textbook (eighth edition) project

EDUCATION

- Fire Science - State University of New York - 1986 to 1987
- Psychology and Criminal Justice - Bucks County Community College - 1982 to 1984
- Technical training and professional certifications at various locations - 1975 to Present (Complete listing on request)
- A.S. Fire Science - Bucks County Community College
- Certified Fire Protection Specialist – NFPA
- Certified Fire and Explosive Investigator – NAFI
- Certified Fire Investigator - IAAI
- J.A. Reid and Associates - Advanced Interview & Interrogation Techniques
- Certificate Degree: Fire Science – Bucks County Community College – 2001
- Certificate Degree: Fire & Arson Investigation – Bucks County Community College – 2001
- B.S. Program in Public Safety Administration / Emergency Management – University of Maryland University College (currently in progress part time)

PROFESSIONAL LICENSES / CERTIFICATIONS

- Certified Fire Investigator (CFI) – IAAI [certification currently lapsed]
- Certified Fire & Explosion Investigator (CFEI) – NAFI
- Certified Fire protection Specialist (CFPS) - NFPA
- Licensed Private Investigator (Class C, G) – Florida Department of Agriculture

Detailed Listing of Technical and Training & Professional Certifications upon request

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LIST OF PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES

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PHILADELPHIA FIRE DEPARTMENT

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Philadelphia, PA 19133

Email: Richard.Bossert@phila.gov

Office: (215) 686-1320

Zebalon MacLean

Chief Fire Officer – Fire & Rescue Services

GOVERNMENT OF THE BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS

Road Town, Tortola, VG

Email: zmclean@gov.vg

Office: (284) 468-3701

Robert J. Schappert (retired)

Emergency Management Chief

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

1400 Independence Avenue SW

Washington, DC 20581

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Cell: (410) 271-5480

Tom Sullivan

Director

MONTGOMERY COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

50 Eagleville Road

Eagleville, PA 19403

Email: TSulliva@mail.montcopa.org

Office: (610) 631-6506

Harry McCann (retired)

Director

BUCKS COUNTY POLICE TRAINING CENTER

1760 S. Easton Road

Doylestown, PA 18901

Email: hcmccann@co.bucks.pa.us

James M. Kettler

Fire Marshal

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