



## Lawrence A. Rude

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### OBJECTIVE:

As a member of the Board of Directors for the International Code Council, to focusing on organizational development and membership issues

### SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS:

- Twenty-nine years progressive leadership and program management experience within the fire service and Public sector
- Exceptional team management in critical collaborative contexts
- Dynamic and effective communicator
- Experience with multi-million dollar budgets
- Track record for meeting timelines and exceeding expectations
- Proven experience in community risk reduction

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

- Maple Valley Fire and Life Safety, Maple Valley, WA.  
Deputy Fire Chief – April 2008 to Present  
Assistant Fire Chief – 2007-2008
- Renton Fire Department, Renton, WA  
Deputy Fire Chief/Fire Marshal - 2006 to July 2007  
Interim Fire Chief – 2006  
Deputy Fire Chief - 2003 to 2006  
Fire Marshal/Battalion Chief - 2000 to 2003  
Battalion Chief, Captain, Lieutenant, Firefighter – 1981-2000
- King County Fire District # 10, Issaquah, WA  
Part-Time Assistant Chief - 1979 to 1983  
Volunteer Fire Fighter - 1978 to 1979

- Boeing, Renton, WA  
Hybrid Computer Specialist – 1976 to 1981
- United States Air Force  
Sergeant – 1971 to 1976

#### EDUCATION:

- Graduate, Executive Fire Officer (EFO) - National Fire Academy, Harvard School of Business
- Master's Credits, Industrial Safety - Central Missouri State University, Seattle University
- Bachelor of Science, Aviation Technology - Central Missouri State University -  
Graduated Cum Laude
- Associate of Arts Degree - Fire Command and Administration, Bellevue Community College
- Certificate, Fire Protection - North Seattle Community College
- Graduate - Officer's Development Academy

#### PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS:

- Safe Building Code Council Board Member 2006 to Present
- National Codes Director (2002 – 2003), Wash. State Association of Fire Marshals
- Washington State Fire Marshals Code Committee
- Washington State Association of Emergency Managers
- Design Committee, King County Regional Critical Emergency Management Plan
- Committee member King County Permit Technical Committee
- International Association of Fire Chiefs
- Washington State Association of Fire Chiefs
- Past member International Fire Marshal's Association
- Past member International Fire Code Institute
- National Fire Protection Association
- Advisory Board member and consultant, Incident Tactics, Inc.
- Past Board Member, King County Training Officer's Association
- Rotary current member and past board member
- Past Chairman, King County Training Officers Development Academy
- Past Board Member, Fire Education Program, Bates College
- Past Board Member, North Seattle CC and Bellevue CC, Fire Science Degree Program

#### MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- WSAFM Design team bringing ICC family of codes to Washington State
- WSAFM 2000, 2003, 2006, 2009 ICC code action team
- Long Term member and advocate of Both ICC and NFPA
- Communication building design standards City of Renton
- Adoption of Multi-Family design and regulations standards City of Renton
- Adoption of new design standards for the City of Maple Valley and MVFLS

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### **BIOGRAPHY**

Lawrence A. Rude is current Deputy Fire Chief with Maple Valley Fire & Life Safety. The department has 99 personnel, 6 fire stations serving 56 square miles, and maintains a multimillion dollar budget.

Chief Rude started his fire service career in 1976 as a volunteer while working for the Boeing Company in the engineering field. Progressing through the ranks with Eastside Fire and Rescue, he attained the position of Assistant Chief. In 1981, while still serving with Eastside Fire, he was hired by the City of Renton as a professional firefighter.

Over the next 27 years, Chief Rude promoted up the ranks to hold every position within that department, including seven months as Interim Fire Chief. During his 7½ years as Fire Marshal, Chief Rude partnered with Renton's Building Official, improving customer service to the building industry. During this same time period, he was instrumental in assisting the Washington State Fire Marshals, Building Officials, and Fire Chiefs in bringing the ICC family of codes to Washington State. In July of 2007, he retired from the City of Renton, accepting the position of Assistant Fire Chief with Maple Valley Fire & Life Safety. In April of 2008, he was promoted to the rank of Deputy Fire Chief.

Chief Rude received his Bachelor's Degree in Aviation Technology from Central Missouri State University in 1976 and an Associates of Arts in Fire Command and Administration in 1984. In March of 2007, Chief Rude successfully completed the four year Executive Fire Officer Program at the National Fire Academy, and is working towards a Master's Degree in Public Administration.

Chief Rude is a board member of the Safe Building Code Committee (SBCC), a founding member of the WSAFM chapter of ICC, a member of the International Fire Chiefs Association (IAFC) and the King County Fire Chiefs' representative on the King County Technical Permit Review Committee. He is also a representative for Washington State Association of Fire Marshals National Codes Committee, was a member of ICBO, and has been a nationally active member of ICC since its inception.