

1. How long have you been a part of the fire service? Since September of 1977, 47+ years.

2. What are your roles and responsibilities in the WVFD?

- Administrator of Active911/Facebook Accounts
- Chairman of Local Firefighters' Relief Fund
- Department Historian
- Digital Signage Committee
- Secretary of the Board of Directors
- Secretary, Stokes County Fire and Rescue Association
- WVFD Pension Fund Treasurer

Officer responsibilities include:

- Former Assistant Chief (20+ years)

3. What were the reasons you got into the fire service? To serve God by helping other in the community during times of need.

4. What has been your most memorable moment while being a part of the WVFD?

- Bad memorable moments: The structure fires and accidents involving fatalities in our community.
- Good memorable moments: Saving someone's "memories" in structure fires when they have lost almost everything. Comforting a child after an emergency. Training our younger members, and members of surrounding departments in pump operations. Friendships made in our department and throughout both Surry and Stokes County. Seeing the joy in a Junior firefighter's eyes when he/she opens the nozzle for the first time.

5. What advice would you give to a younger member of the department that is striving to be the best firefighter they can be? Listen to your instructors during class and implement what you have learned. Realize there is a huge difference between municipal departments and rural departments. Realize that "Change" is a fact of life and will at times be necessary. Realize that it's all about character (you can teach a monkey to fight a fire but you can't teach a monkey to be a friendly, team player that will put "self" secondary for the good of the department). *NEVER* be ashamed to pray with someone.

6. List all certifications you have received over the years.

CPR/AED
Emergency Vehicle Driver
Firefighter III
NC-EMT, Basic - Former (27 years)
Hazardous Materials - Awareness
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