

**1. How long have you been a part of the fire service?** I have been a part of the WVFD since 1997, 26+ years.

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

- Chief of the Department
- Chair of the Building and Ground Committee
- Digital Signage Committee
- Exo member of the Board of Directors
- Member of the Finance Committee
- Member of the Membership Committee
- Member of the Equipment Committee
- Member of the Scholarship Committee
- Chair of the Supplemental Services Committee for the County Fire Chiefs
- President of Surry County Chiefs' Council

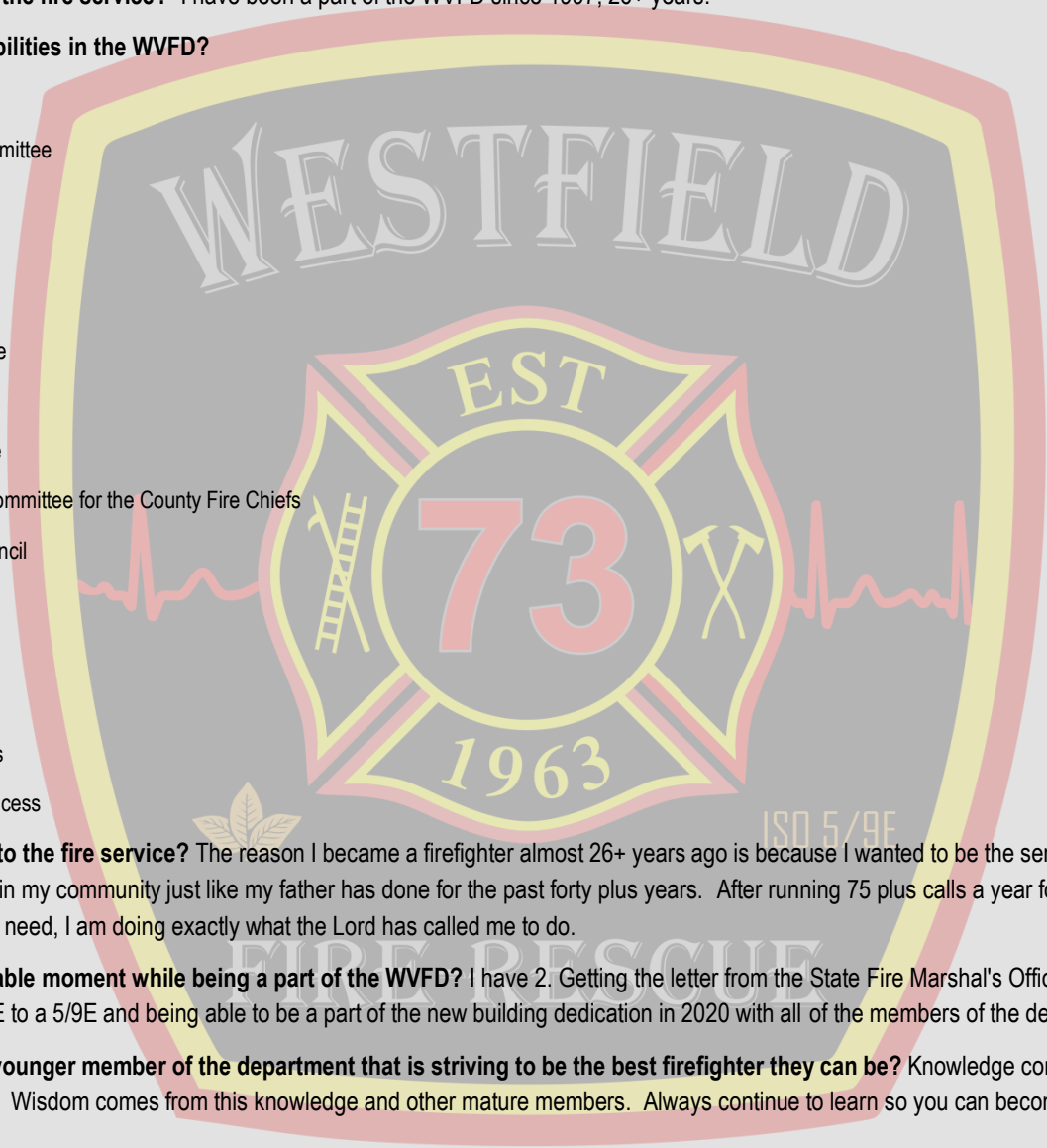
**Officer responsibilities include:**

- Leader of the ISO team
- Leader of the Toy Drive
- Leader of the State Fire Grant Process
- Leader of the State Forestry Grant Process

**3. What were the reasons you got into the fire service?** The reason I became a firefighter almost 26+ years ago is because I wanted to be the servant that the Lord calls all of us to be. I also wanted to make a difference in my community just like my father has done for the past forty plus years. After running 75 plus calls a year for the last 26 years, I have realized many need help and by serving them in need, I am doing exactly what the Lord has called me to do.

**4. What has been your most memorable moment while being a part of the WVFD?** I have 2. Getting the letter from the State Fire Marshal's Office saying we had dropped our department's insurance rating from a 9E to a 5/9E and being able to be a part of the new building dedication in 2020 with all of the members of the department.

**5. What advice would you give to a younger member of the department that is striving to be the best firefighter they can be?** Knowledge comes with experiences through training and real life situations. Wisdom comes from this knowledge and other mature members. Always continue to learn so you can become a mentor to the younger generation.



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

Bachelor of Science - Technology Education (Teaching), NC A&T University

Chief 101

CPR/AED

Class B CDL, w/ School Bus/Passenger Endorsements'

Emergency Vehicle Driver

FEMA Leadership I

Firefighter I & II Classes

Fire Officer I

Hazardous Materials - Level I

NIMS ICS 700/800/100/200

Technical Rescuer with Specialties:

*Machine and Agricultural*

*Vehicle Machinery*

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