

Georgia Association of Fire Chiefs



2018 Membership Directory



GAFC 2018

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Outgoing President's Message

It Has Been a Pleasure

By Dwayne Jamison

Past President's Outgoing Message



Serving as President of the Georgia Association of Fire Chiefs has been a great privilege. I would like to thank all of you that have supported me in this role and throughout my career. I am grateful for the support of the members of this great organization, the state agency heads, officers of our sister fire service organizations and associations, my department members, my Commissioner and County Administrator, and of course my family. I have had the opportunity to travel and meet with some of the best fire chiefs in the nation to network and exchange ideas. I have had so many great experiences because of this opportunity afforded to me by this organization.

One of the greatest accomplishments we made during my term as President was the Firefighter Cancer Insurance Law. The fire service had been working for some time to get insurance coverage for Georgia's firefighters stricken with cancer. We were able to work with our Unification Partners, legislators, insurance companies, ACCG, and GMA to come up with a compromise and develop a program to cover our firefighters that is now being looked at by other states across the nation.

When I became President one of the greatest problems facing our state was the very high number of fire fatalities in the state. I learned that the Southeast is the leading region in the nation for fire fatalities and in 2016, Georgia led the Southeast in fire fatalities. We immediately began to work with other organizations to form the Georgia Fire Prevention Task Force to look into ways to prevent fire fatalities and injuries. Although we as a state assoc. had adopted "Turn Your Attention to Fire Prevention" we had done little to promote and support it. The task force worked to look for ways not only to educate the public, but to help fire departments put an infuses on fire prevention efforts. Thanks to much work from our partner organizations we have been able to combine efforts and provide training and resources to lower fire fatalities in our state.

Another area that needed improvement and more attention to cooperation in our state was mutual aid. GMAG already had the groundwork in place, but it is up to all of us as fire chiefs to make it work and share our resources in our greatest time of need. We were able to form the Ga. Mutual Aid Task Force to look into ways to improve relationships and collect resource data. The GAFC utilized our contract with the IAFC to use the MutualAidNet system to collect the data from as many Ga. fire departments as possible and we are now working with the IAFC to be a pilot state to utilize the newer version of NMAS.

These are all things that we accomplished together as a fire service. A unified fire service is a strong fire service. Together we will keep working to improve our service and protect our citizens.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dwayne R. Jamison".

GAFC – An association in support of the Georgia Fire Service Mission.

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In Coming President's Message

Forward Vision

By Charles Wasdin



Forward: By definition is a positive characteristic. Being friendly, bold, and sociable are some of the characteristics. Forward also means the opposite of backwards

Vision: is a special sense, an appearance that conveys a revelation, the act or power of imagination, and the foresight to act

In the past the leadership of our association has exhibited those two characteristics as they have led our association into the future and have taken on bold initiatives which have in most part lead the Nations.

Forward is not always easy and Vision is not always clear, but with a unified voice we are determined to reach goals set forth in our strategies plan. Nothing is impossible! That is exactly what we have been able to achieve in the last few years with Unification, Fire Prevention, Chief Fire Officer Certification, Cancer Insurance, and the Gas Pipeline Initiative. Each of these programs are putting eyes on Georgia as we work together to move the Fire Service forward with one clear vision.

Today's Fire Service is tasked with many things with limited resources and without a solid partnership which includes public and private sectors we face many challenges. Today's environment is filled with many unknowns that we as the Georgia Fire Service must be prepared to handle such as Terrorism, Hazardous Materials, and ever-growing response to drug related incidents and just the lack of people willing to serve in the Fire Service.

The future of the Georgia Fire Service lies within those two words "Forward Vision". We must rely on our commitment and dedication to meet the upcoming challenges (Forward) and our faith in each other to see the (Vision). Together the Georgia Fire Chief's will achieve the goals we set and posere against any new challenges we face because we will stand strong as one.

NEW GAFC DISTRICTS



GAFC DISTRICT VICE PRESIDENTS



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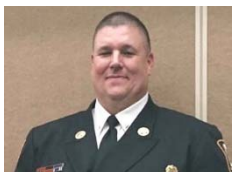
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The duties of the District Vice Presidents are to act as ambassadors of goodwill in their respective areas, provide information to stakeholders in their areas regarding the association's standing, goals, and progress. DVPs support the legislative committee by making contacts, meeting with legislators, and supporting the annual legislative initiatives. They support the association's Membership Committee by contacting past members and prospective members as part of the annual membership enrollment campaign. DVPs also are part of the Board of Directors and attend meetings of the Board of Directors and other official functions as officers of the GAFC.

GAFC GEORGIA FIRE SERVICE UNIFICATION PARTNER ASSOCIATIONS

	<p>Georgia State Firefighters Association</p>	<p>President David Bullard DBULLARD@columbiacountyga.gov</p>
	<p>Northwest Georgia Fire Chiefs Association</p>	<p>President Darrell Mitchell dmitchell@cherokeega.com</p>
	<p>Metro Atlanta Fire Chiefs Association</p>	<p>President Eddie Buckholts chiefbuck306@aol.com</p>
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	<p>Central Georgia Fire Chiefs Association</p>	<p>President John Ekaitis jekaitis@sumptercountyga.us</p>
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	<p>South Central Georgia Fire Chiefs Association</p>	<p>President Casey Wright cwright@cityofdouglas.com</p>

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	Georgia Fire Inspectors Association	President Craig Landolt clandolt@sfm.ga.gov
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<p>Georgia Public Safety Educators Association</p> 	Georgia Public Safety Educators Association	President Laura Coleman laura.coleman@choa.org
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	Georgia Firefighters Burn Foundation	Executive Director Dennis Gardin dgardin@gfbf.org
	Georgia Mutual Aid Group	Executive Director Eddie Buckholts chiefbuck306@aol.com
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	<p>Georgia Association of Fire safety equipment Dealers</p>	<p>President Daniel Laughlin Laughlindlaughlin@protectfiresafety.com</p>
	<p>Georgia 9-1-1 Directors Association</p>	<p>President Greg Whitaker gwhitaker@co.douglas.ga.us</p>
	<p>Georgia Fallen Firefighters Foundation</p>	<p>Chairman Dennis Thayer dthayer@gafallenfirefighters.org</p>



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***GAFC GEORGIA FIRE CHIEF CERTIFICATION
PROGRAM***



The Georgia Fire Chief Certification Program was created to ensure that Fire Chiefs and Chief Officers in Georgia are credentialed and qualified to lead the fire departments they serve. The program is managed by a committee of fire chiefs and chief fire officers from a variety of departments from across the state. There are 3 types of certifications in the program that include Georgia Certified Fire Chief, Georgia Certified Chief Fire Officer, and Georgia Certified Volunteer Fire Chief. For more information on the program, go to the GAFC website at www.gafc.org and search under resources.