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Rich has provided Fire and Emergency Services for more than 33 years—20 of those years as a Municipal Fire Chief. From 1982 to 1994, Rich served as Firefighter, Fire Captain and Assistant Fire Chief with the United States Air Force. In 1995, he became the Fire Chief of Somerton, Ariz. In 1998, he became Fire Chief in Ketchikan, Ala. And from 2004 through 2008, he served as the Public Safety Director for the City of Ketchikan where he supervised both fire and police departments. During his 10 years in Alaska, he served as a governor-appointed member of the Alaska Fire Standards Council for 8 years. Rich began serving the citizens of McMinnville as Fire Chief in 2008. He just completed six years as the governor-appointed OFCA representative on the DPSST Telecommunicators Policy Committee and is currently serving as a Director for the OFCA Board.

Rich earned his Associate's Degree in Fire Science, his Bachelor's Degree in Business Management and is a graduate of the National Fire Academy, Executive Fire Officer Program.