



Chief Rich Leipfert has been providing Fire and Emergency Services for over 33 years. He has been a Municipal Fire Chief for 20 Years. Rich served as Firefighter, Fire Captain and Assistant Fire Chief with the United States Air Force from 1982 to 1994. In 1995, he became the Fire Chief of Somerton, Ariz. He transitioned to Ketchikan as the Fire Chief in November 1998. 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, Rich served as a governor-appointed member of the Alaska Fire Standards Council for eight years. In 2008, he began serving the citizens of McMinnville as Fire Chief. Rich just finished six years as the governor-appointed OFCA representative on the DPSST Telecommunicators Policy Committee and is currently serving as the three-year director for the OFCA Board.

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