

Earl Wooten is the Deputy Fire Chief for Okeechobee County Fire Rescue. Earl has been with the department for over 23 years, having served in every rank in Operations and Training. He holds a bachelor's degree in Public Safety Administration and associate degrees in both Fire Science and EMS, all which are from Indian River State College. He also graduated from the Managing Officer Program and is in the process of completing the Executive Fire Officer Program at the National Fire Academy.

Chief Wooten believes in the training offered, experiences gained, and networking opportunities at the National Fire Academy. The Managing Officer Program introduces emerging emergency services leaders to personal and professional skills in change management, risk reduction, and adaptive leadership. The Executive Fire Officer Program supports the needs of fire and emergency medical services agencies in preparing executive officers to meet the ever-changing demands of the dynamic communities in which they serve.