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Todd B. Allen

for FFCA East Central Regional Director





"I will continue the strong leadership that has been established by past directors!"

Endorsed by the Volusia County Fire Chiefs Association





Volusia County Fire Chief's Association

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To Whom it May Concern:

It's my honor to write this letter of support on behalf of the Volusia County Fire Chief's Association for Chief Todd Allen, Fire Chief for the City of DeLand, as he seeks the position of East Central Region Director for the Florida Fire Chiefs Association. Chief Allen has demonstrated exceptional leadership and a strong commitment to the fire service, not only in Volusia County but across Central Florida, and I can think of no better candidate for this important role.

Chief Allen's leadership as the current President of the Volusia County Fire Chiefs Association has been instrumental in strengthening collaboration and advancing fire service operations across the region. His representation within the Central Florida Fire Chiefs Association further highlights his ability to connect with leaders at every level, bringing people together to solve challenges and share best practices. These roles have showcased Todd's dedication to elevating the profession and ensuring our fire service leaders remain united and forward-thinking.

In addition to his leadership roles, Todd brings a wealth of fire service experience, including his time in positions outside of Florida. His ability to seamlessly blend diverse experiences and adapt them to the unique needs of our region has been invaluable. He combines technical expertise with a genuine passion for service, always striving to improve the profession while maintaining strong relationships within the community.

What truly sets Chief Allen apart is his ability to make everyone he interacts with feel heard and appreciated. Whether he's mentoring a firefighter, working with city officials, or engaging with community members, Todd's approachable and collaborative style inspires trust and confidence. His passion for excellence and commitment to the betterment of the fire service will undoubtedly serve not only the East Central Region but the entire state of Florida.

In closing, all 13 fire departments represented within the Volusia County Fire Chief's Association unanimously recommend and support Chief Todd Allen for the position of East Central Region Director. His leadership, experience, and dedication make him an outstanding choice, and we are confident he will continue to be a positive influence on the fire service throughout Florida.

Sincerely,

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Shawn VanDemark Fire Chief / Vice-President of VCFCA