

Trip Barrs is the Fire Chief for the City of Treasure Island in west central Florida. Treasure Island Fire Rescue is an ISO class 2, single station fire department providing fire and non-transport ALS services to a population of 7000 residents with 17 sworn personnel. He has 29 years of fire service experience starting in 1990 as a volunteer firefighter with the Safety Harbor Fire Department. He was hired as a firefighter/EMT by Dunedin in 1992 and held every rank up through Deputy Fire Chief before retiring from the department in 2018. Chief Barrs has an Associate's Degrees in EMS, a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Organizational Studies and a Master's in Public Leadership. In 2013 he received his Executive Fire Officer and Chief Fire Officer designations. He is a state certified Life Safety Inspector I, Instructor III, and LFTI I.

**Areas of Expertise:**

- Fire department administration
- Emergency Management – plan development (CEMP, COOP, Flood Response, , NIMS,
- EOC)
- Personnel training and development
- Organizational behavior
- Policy research and development
- Marine firefighting/rescue