

Ralph Franklin Bio

Ralph Franklin is a 40-year veteran of the Fire and Emergency Services. He was appointed as the Public Safety Director/Fire Chief of Okeechobee County in 2014. In this position he oversees the activities of Fire and EMS, E911, Fleet Services, and Emergency Management for the County.

Chief Franklin is a graduate of the U.S. Fire Administration's Executive Fire Officer Program, the Florida Fire Chief's Association's Emergency Services Leadership Institute, and holds the Chief Fire Officer Designation through the Center for Public Safety Excellence (CPSE). He has a Master's Degree in Organizational Leadership and a Bachelor's Degree in Fire Science. His Florida certifications include Fire Officer IV, Instructor III, Inspector II, and Safety Officer.

He currently serves as the President of the Treasure Coast Fire Chief's Association and is a member of Kiwanis. Chief Franklin is a member of the Division of State Fire Marshal's Florida Firefighters Employment, Standards, and Training Council and the Fire and Emergency Incident Information System Technical Advisory Panel as the representative from the Florida Association of Counties. Additionally, he serves as a Peer Reviewer for those seeking credentialing through CPSE.

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