

Brady Rigdon, Nassau County Fire Chief

Hello everybody. My name is Brady Rigdon and I am asking for your vote as I seek to continue to serve as your Northeast Florida Regional Director for the Florida Fire Chiefs' Association. I was appointed in 2022 to fill a vacancy created when Chief Aviles became the Secretary/Treasurer. During this time I have become active on the Legislative Committee, helping to advocate on behalf of Fire Chiefs statewide to help ensure our profession continues to be the best profession any individual could hold. I have also participated in the annual Executive Development Conference and the Florida Fire and EMS Conference (formerly Fire Rescue East).

I began my fire service career in 1991 with the Jacksonville Fire Rescue Department, promoting through the ranks to the appointed position of Division Chief of Operations in 2006. I retired from the JFRD in April 2017 at the rank of Battalion Chief. In June 2017 I became the Fire Chief for the Nassau County Fire Rescue Department, where I still serve today. I also served as the Procurement Specialist for the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation from 2013 to 2017, making the purchases for all of the grants awarded by the foundation to departments across the country. I am now an active member of the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation Board of Directors.

In 2010 I obtained a Bachelor of Science in Public Administration from Flagler College, graduating Summa Cum Laude and received the David B. Shoar Award for Academic Achievement in Public Administration. I earned a Master of Public Administration from the University of North Florida in December 2013. I also hold professional certifications as a State of Florida Firefighter, Paramedic, and Hazardous Materials Technician, as well as Associates Degrees in both Fire Science and Emergency Medical Services.

I have been a member of the Florida Fire Chiefs Association since 2003 when I was promoted to District Chief with JFRD. I am a member (retired) of the International Association of Firefighters Local 122 since 1991. I also served as a member of the Jacksonville Police and Fire Pension Fund Advisory Committee from 2004 to 2017. I have been a member of the Jacksonville Fraternal Order of Fire Chiefs from 2003 to the present, serving as its President in 2006.

Born July 5, 1968, in Jacksonville, Florida, I have been married 36 years to my wife, Angela. We have two daughters Haley (husband Chris) and Shelby, and two granddaughters, Caroline and Collins. My family and I are active members of Westside Baptist Church in Jacksonville.

I appreciate your support and look forward to continuing to serve our fine organization.