

Nomination Information on Scott Gerber

Scott Gerber is the Fire Chief for the Excelsior Fire District; he was hired on Sept 11 2006 and is an active member of the MSFCA and the Emergency Management Preparedness Committee. Scott has been a firefighter for 14 years and has been the fire Chief for 5 years.

Scott is well-known in the fire service for his vast experience in incident command/management systems, disaster management and preparedness, effective communications and his ability to successfully manage and coordinate in any role within an emergency or disaster situation. He is highly respected, dedicated, organized, extremely loyal and fair. Scott's vast education, coupled with his experience and understanding of the fire service sets him apart as a leader and comrade. Chief Gerber is a strong team player and he works well with other departments, always offering assistance whenever possible. Scott cares about public safety awareness, the education of citizens for fire prevention and the personal safety of public safety personnel. Scott has been instrumental in developing the statewide mutual aid process and the revamping of the State Fire Chiefs "Fast Team" program. He is working with the LSU group to implement and improve Firefighter rehab at fire scenes. He was also the lead advocate in working with Hennepin Radio on the radio protocol for the fire departments who are dependent users of the system and the training of the dispatchers to use said protocols.

There are a number of qualities that best describe Scott including dependable, knowledgeable, caring and compassionate, giving, patient, and the willingness to go above and beyond than what is expected of him. Chief Gerber is directly engaged within his department and takes personal accountability for the development, coordination and training of the new members, ongoing firefighter training and officer development training. One of Scott's most interesting traits is that Scott can use a whiteboard like no one else can. A quote from the Lakeshore Weekly newspaper when Scott got hired: "Gerber is a talker and looks people in their eyes when talking.

Scott has been married to his wife Chris for 22 years they have 4 children Matt, Meagan, Mitch and Moriah. Matt is married to Lynnette. Scott has one grandchild Claudia and another on the way in April. Scott parents are Roger and Snookie and Scott has two younger brothers Troy and Tim.

Scott is active in his church Family of Christ as a Confirmation Guide Leader and assisting Ministry. In his spare time Scott enjoys time with his family at their cabin near Atkin, evening walks travel with Chris and then there is baseball. Scott loves baseball and still helps with coaching. Scott is also a Dance team dad and enjoys the father daughter dances.

We have listed just a few of Chief Gerber's specifics and areas of contribution within the Excelsior Fire District and the overall fire service community below:

- Scott received his Firefighter I Certificate in June 1997.
- Scott became the fulltime Fire Chief in September 2006
- Scott was a Nationally Registered Paramedic from 1987 to 2001
- Scott is a Registered Emergency Medical Technician for the State of Minnesota
- Scott is currently in the middle of and EFO Program at the National Fire Academy.
- Scott became a Certified Emergency Manager for both the State of Minnesota and Federally in 1997
- He is an Incident Safety Officer Train the Trainer and an EMS Hazardous Materials Operational Level Instructor
- Chief Gerber is a Hazardous Material Specialist Level – Fire
- Past president of MEMA and AMEM
- He is involved in many, many other city, state and national committees and groups. (AMEM, HCFCFA, HSEM, MSFCA, IAFC, MSFDA, NFPA)
- Actively pursues individual growth through continued education.
- Scott was the task force commander for the Minnesota fire crew deployed to Louisiana for hurricane response and recovery
- His emergency management experience includes work with FEMA, former Director of Emergency Management for Carver County, grant applications and as a member of the Type III All Hazards Incident Team.
- Scott also was deployed as the SEOC Support Team Leader for Hurricane Irene in Boston as part of the AHIMT.

Chief Gerber is a progressive leader in the Minnesota Fire Service and Emergency Management. This nomination is an opportunity to recognize him for his dedication to public safety and emergency services.

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