

## Mike Monge

This year at the MSFCA Conference in St. Cloud, the Fire Officer of the Year Award for the large city was awarded to Faribault Fire Chief Mike Monge.

Mike has been in the fire service for over forty years. He began his career in the fire service in 1968 while serving in the U.S. Army in Germany. He joined the Hutchinson Fire Department after returning home in 1970. In 1989, he took a position with the Faribault Fire Department.

Mike established himself as a distinguished leader within the fire service of Minnesota, as well as his community of Faribault. He works with enthusiasm and is always willing to volunteer for special projects within his community and throughout the state.

We honor Mike not only for his work in the fire service, but also for his dedication to the Faribault Academy for the Deaf. He recently volunteered for a special project with the Community Emergency Preparedness Information Network. He was chosen to be a member of a three person committee to represent first responders nationally and to develop a course to train the deaf community.

He has worked very hard to improve programs to provide emergency warning to the community with special needs.

He is a 20-year member of the MSFCA and the former chair of the MSFCA Education Committee. The education programs you attended were a direct result of his leadership.



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