

My name is Mike Jaffa and I have been a volunteer member of the Fire Service for 23 years, the past 16 of which at the Chief Officer level. I currently serve as the Volunteer Deputy Chief of the Tijeras (NM) Volunteer Fire Department. I also serve as a paid Captain in the Santa Fe County Fire Department with responsibility for the development and implementation of Volunteer Recruitment & Retention programs. Santa Fe County FD is a large combination department with approx. 75 paid staff and 300 volunteers covering 2000 square miles out of 15 Districts. Prior to joining these two departments I served as the Volunteer Deputy Chief for Bernalillo County Fire & Rescue Department (large combination department) for 22 years, and as a Reserve Police Officer for the Albuquerque Police Department for 19 years.

If elected to the VCOS Board of Directors my primary objective will be to work with IAFC leadership to ensure the "two-hatter" issue does not affect the volunteer fire service in a negative way. As a "two-hatter" myself I will work diligently to ensure the right of every firefighter to volunteer their services to communities in which they live should they so desire.

Another one of my primary objectives will be to develop programs and initiatives to ensure that "Everyone Goes Home." Of primary interest to me is the safety and well-being of our Junior Members. As leaders in the Fire Service it is our responsibility to watch out for our future firefighters. We MUST keep them safe!

Thank you for all that you do in your local communities, I am proud to serve with each and every one of you, and would appreciate your vote and support.

For more information please visit my web site: www.mjaffa.com

Be Safe, Lead With Passion,
Mike J.