

Fire Chief Bruce Kroon

I seek your vote to represent you as a Western Divisional Member on the EFO Board of Directors. I am a proud EFO graduate (2011) and fully support the role of formal education as part of modern approach to succession planning in the fire service. Having earned an MPA from the University of Washington, I am well acquainted with the rigors of higher education. Participating in the EFO program at the National Fire Academy was one of the highlights of both my professional and education career to date. The instruction and curriculum are only matched by the networking and friendships built through the EFO program.

I currently serve as the Fire Chief for the City of Bothell (WA) Fire Department. In my 18 months tenure at Bothell, we have created and adopted a 5-year Strategic Plan and had our citizens approve both an Operational Levy, adding 6 new firefighter positions, and a Capital Facilities Bond to replace two of our aging fire stations.

During my 28 years in the fire service I have seen a dramatic shift in what we expect of our senior leadership. In addition to experience, our City leaders and Governing Boards are expecting fire service leaders to have higher-level education as well as professional credentials. We need to develop ways to provide our future leaders to gain formalized education that improves their critical thinking skills and better prepares them to lead our people in this fast-paced, ever-changing environment.

I enjoy serving the public I represent by being an active member in both the Northshore Rotary, Bothell/Kenmore Chamber of Commerce. I reach out to my local community through my local church and membership in the Knights of Columbus.

I would be honored to help “pay it forward” by serving as a Western Division, EFO Board member.