

Nathaniel “Nate” Rice, EFO bio

Nathaniel “Nate” Rice, EFO is currently the Division Chief of Fire Prevention at the Peoria Fire Department in Peoria, IL. He has been a member of the department since 1999 where he began as a firefighter. He has progressed through the ranks of Engineer, Captain, and Battalion Chief into his current position. Nate has participated in many department activities and training over the years to include hazardous materials and serving as a training captain while in fire suppression. Additionally, he has served on the executive board of Peoria Firefighters Local 50 for several years and been active in numerous labor/management committees.

Nate is currently involved in the Illinois Fire Chiefs Association and serves on their Executive Board and on the Conference Planning Committee. He also is a member of the International Association of Fire Chiefs and serves as a member of the EFO Section as well as the Fire and Life Safety Section. Nate possesses an associate degree from Illinois Central College in Fire Science, a bachelor’s degree from Eastern Kentucky University in Fire & Safety Engineering Technology and holds a Fire Officer 2 certification from the Illinois State Fire Marshall. He has also completed the Executive Fire Officer Program at the National Fire Academy in Emmittsburg, Maryland.

Before being hired by the Peoria Fire Department, Nate spent 10 years as a volunteer with the Akron-Princeville Fire Dept where he attained the rank of Assistant Chief. He has been married to his wife, Summer, for over 20 years and they have four children together. In his spare time, Nate enjoys spending time with family and watching his kids’ numerous activities. Nate has also enjoyed coaching high school football for the last 11 years.