

Hello, my name is Trevor Wilson, and I am running for the Great Lakes District EFO Section Director position. I am the Division Chief of Planning for the Indianapolis Fire Department (IFD) and an IAFC Technology Council member. Locally, I assist the Center for Public Safety Excellence's (CPSE) Michigan-Ohio-Indiana-Kentucky Consortium as a co-facilitator and teach at the Indiana Fire and Public Safety Academy.

Few experiences have impacted my career as profoundly as the EFO program. The coursework on navigating adaptive challenges, the instructors' real-world experiences, and the relationships I built with forward-thinking leaders from around the country broadened my horizons. The opportunity to serve as the EFO Section Director would allow me to "pay it back" and help ensure the next generation of leaders have a similar opportunity.

I am passionate about leadership development and helping people become the best versions of themselves. Today's fire service faces many challenges, from funding and recruitment to emerging technological hazards. We must help prepare our future officers and chiefs with the leadership skills they need to navigate these difficult times. I hope to continue and expand the Great Lakes Region's outstanding efforts in these areas for both our volunteer and career members through increased onsite learning opportunities and support of the IAFC's Diversity Executive Leadership Program (iDELP) and the Fire Service Executive Development Institute (FSEDI).

Clear communication will be crucial to our success. If elected to the role of section director, I will engage the Great Lakes Division's Volunteer and Combination Officers, the Company Officers, and the Safety, Health, and Survival Sections to promote synergy across initiatives and the pooling of resources to maximize our impact. I will strive to maintain open communication with our GLD membership to ensure we best meet their needs. I intend to achieve this primarily through in-person conversations and phone calls.

I am a passionate supporter of the EFO program and the IAFC. I am proud member of the Great Lakes District, whose fire departments blend the best ideas from the east and west while maintaining their midwestern identity. I have exhibited the skills needed to be successful as the EFO Section director while guiding IFD through its first accreditation process and to ISO Class 1 status. I am experienced at leading throughout the chain of command and strive to be a faithful public servant. Please consider casting your vote for GLD EFO Section Director for Trevor Wilson.