



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

355th Civil Engineer Squadron

Fire and Emergency Services
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CHIEF TODD M. CANALE, MS, CFO, EFO, MIFireE

Todd Canale is the Chief, Fire & Emergency Service (F&ES) Flight for the 355th Civil Engineer Squadron, Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Arizona. The DMAFB F&ES is one of thirty internationally accredited Air Force fire departments within the Department of Defense through the Commission on Fire Accreditation International. Chief Canale is directly responsible to the Base Civil Engineer for determining the resources required for the installation's overall fire emergency services program. He manages and oversees all aspects of the flight to include fire protection & prevention, aircraft and structural rescue firefighting, hazardous materials response, mutual aid, initial emergency medical care, confined space rescue and mass casualty events. He Directs \$20M in fire emergency service resources and supervises a flight of 65 Department of Defense career firefighters, both military and civilian, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. He is also the co-founder and managing member of an Arizona real estate holdings and investment company.

Additionally, he continues to serve in the Air Force Reserve as the Emergency Preparedness Liaison Officer to Arizona, National Security Emergency Preparedness (NSEP) Directorate, First Air Force. Chief Canale teaches both fire science and leadership at Columbia Southern University and Pima Community College, where he has been affiliated since 1999. He sits on the Board of Directors for the Mount Lemmon Fire District and currently serves as a Commissioner on the Commission for Professional Credentialing as the Department of Defense representative. Chief Canale also chairs the Federal and Military Section Committee of the International Association of Fire Chiefs, as well as the Arizona Fire Chiefs Association, Chief Canale is a member of multiple groups to include the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, Pima County Fire Chiefs Association, Arizona State Fire Marshals Training, Pima Community College Fire Science Advisory, and Pima County Interagency Training Committees.

EDUCATION:

2020 Air War College, Maxwell AFB, AL *Correspondence*
2020 Senior Executive Fellow, Harvard University, MA
2013 Masters of Military Operational Art and Science, Air University, AL
2009 Masters of Fire Service Administration, Arizona State University, AZ
2008 Squadron Officer School *In-Residence*
2001 Academy of Military Science, McGee-Tyson ANGB, TN
2000 - 2004 Fire Officer IV/Fire Instructor III/Fire Inspector III (*IFSAC*)
1999 Masters of Management, Troy State University, AL
1997 Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration, University of Phoenix, AZ
1996 Noncommissioned Officer Academy
1995 Associate Degree in Applied Science, Fire Science, CCAF, AL
1993 Noncommissioned Officer Preparatory Course
1989 Air Force Aerospace Fire Protection Apprentice Course

ASSIGNMENTS:

Dec 14 – present, Fire Chief, DMAFB, AZ
Nov 03 – Dec 14, Assistant Chief of Training, DMAFB, AZ
Jul 99 – Nov 03, Fire Inspector, DMAFB, AZ
Nov 98 – Jul 99, Crew Chief, DMAFB, AZ
Jul 98 – Nov 98, Acting Battalion Chief, DMAFB, AZ
Nov 95 – Jul 98, Crew Chief, DMAFB, AZ
Dec 92 – Nov 95, Program Analyst, DMAFB, AZ
Jan 91 – Dec 92, Fire Protection Journeyman, DMAFB, AZ
Sep 90 – Jan 91, Fire Protection Journeyman, Nellis AFB, NV
Jul 89 – Sep 90, Fire Protection Apprentice, DMAFB, AZ (USAFR)

AWARDS/DECORATIONS

Arizona's Second Congressional District First Responders of Distinction Team Award/DM FES (2017)
Air Combat Command Fire Department of the Year (1996, 2011, 2017, and 2018)
Air Force Outstanding Civil Engineer Manager of the Year (2017)
Air Combat Command Fire Instructor of the Year (2014)
Civilian of the Year 355th Fighter Wing (1998), MSG (1998, 2003), CES (2003, 2006, 2007)
Civilian Performance Award 2003 – 2017
Meritorious Service Medal w/ 3 Devices
Air Force Commendation Medal w/ 1 Device
Air Force Achievement Medal
Air Force Outstanding Unit w/ 1 Device
Air Reserve Forces Meritorious Service Medal
National Defense Service Medal w/ 1 Device
Humanitarian Service Medal
Military Outstanding Volunteer Medal
Air Force Longevity Service w/ 1 Device
Armed Forces Reserve Medal w/ Device
Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon
AF Training Ribbon w/ 1 Device

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Commissioner, Commission on Professional Credentialing, 2018 – Present
Board Member, Mount Lemmon Fire District Board of Directors, 2018 – Present
Chairperson and Air Force Representative, International Association of Fire Chiefs, 2017 - Present
Center for Public Safety Excellence Chief Fire Officer Peer Reviewer, 2016 – Present
Member, Institution of Fire Engineers, 2012 - Present
Member, International Fire Chief's Association, 2011 - Present
Coordinator, National Fallen Firefighter's Foundation, 2011 - Present
President, Arizona State University Alumni "Old Pueblo Chapter", 2010 - 2016
Secretary/Coordinator, Arizona State Fire Training Committee, 2006 - 2018
Federal Fire Representative, Arizona Fire Chief's Association, 2006 – Present
Past Chairman, Pima County Interagency Training Committee, 2007 - Present
Member, Pima Community College Fire Science Advisory Committee, 2006 - Present
Member, Northwest Fire and Emergency Service Commission, 2006 – 2008
Member, Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, 2005 - Present

PUBLICATIONS

2018. The Gold Standard: Are you Ready to Shine? *International Fire Chiefs Association*
2016. Review of Criteria to Initiate Emergency Operations Center Procedures on DMAFB. *National Fire Academy*
2013. The Next Generation of Firefighters: How We Lead Them? *Air University (USAF)*
2009. An Evaluation of Retention for First Term Airmen in the United States Air Force. *Arizona State University*