



# Colchester Fire & EMS

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I am currently the President of the Connecticut Fire Department Instructors Association which provides for connection with fire and EMS instructors across the state. We work to develop, train and mentor fire and EMS service professionals while providing an association that enhances networking. This association is also on the Joint Council of Connecticut Fire Service Organizations, to which I am the Chair. The Joint Council is made up of the Connecticut Fire Chiefs Association, Career Fire Chiefs Association, Connecticut State Firefighters Association, Connecticut Fire Marshals Association, the UPPFA and the Connecticut Mechanics Association. All these organizations meet to discuss issues ongoing in the Connecticut Fire Service and work through legislative pathways to improve and lobby for those needs. This also provides for open lines of communication with all the organizations to be abreast of what is occurring in the fire service across the state. Lastly, I was elected as the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President of the New London County Fire Chiefs Association which is a county association which has the purpose of providing mutual aid to neighboring towns and adjacent counties, providing resources such as hazmat response and incident management teams as well as networking with other agencies in the county.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my name for consideration as an At Large Board Member of the Volunteer & Combination Officers Section of the IAFC.