

VCOS Director – 283 words

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I am asking for your vote to re-elect me as an at large director to the VCOS Board of Directors. I will continue to aggressively continue promoting the interests of volunteer and combination officers so that our issues are reflected throughout the entire IAFC organization and the fire service. I am a charter member of the VCOS, past Chair (have filled all positions within the VCOS board), currently serve as Secretary-Treasurer, and have been very active in all VCOS/IAFC activities.

I have attempted to be fully involved with all VCOS business as my priority; I completed 11 years as your IAFC Board of Directors representative; served as a principal with the VCOS Symposium since its inception; a principal in the Beyond Hoses & Helmets and Leading the Transition curriculums; participated as a co-author of the Blue, Red, White and Orange Ribbon Reports; involved in virtually all VCOS projects. VCOS business is a part of my everyday life experience.

I have been a firefighter since 1972, a volunteer from then until 2004, and I currently serve as the first career chief of the Ponderosa FD (member since 1975) located near Houston, Texas. The Ponderosa FD is an ISO2 combination agency serving 53,000 citizens with 8 volunteers, a part time pool of 22 full time equivalents, and 36 career firefighters out of 3 stations. I retired from Shell Oil Company's research division after 30 years, the final 13 years as the industrial fire chief of the facility and in the HS&E department. I served 2 1/2 years as the Harris County Texas Fire Marshal. I co-authored the book A Leadership Guide to Combination Fire Departments and was the 2000 Volunteer Fire Chief of the Year.