

Matthew Knott EFO Biography

Matthew Knott is honored to be running for re-election as the Great Lakes Division Representative to the EFO Section of the IAFC and ready to bring a wealth of experience in fire service leadership to the Section. Currently serving as Fire Chief of the Green Bay Metro Fire Department, he takes immense pride in supporting the dedicated men and women serving communities across nine fire stations in Allouez, Bellevue, and Green Bay.

Educationally, Matt holds both bachelor's and master's degrees from Northern Illinois University, continually seeking avenues for growth and improvement. His resume includes certifications such as Certified Emergency Manager (CEM) and designations like Chief Fire Officer (CFO), Chief Emergency Medical Services Officer (CEMSO), and Fire Marshal (FM) from the Center for Public Safety Excellence. Moreover, he is a member of the Institution of Fire Engineers (MIFireE) and a proud graduate of the Executive Fire Officer (EFO) Program through the National Fire Academy.

With a diverse background in volunteer and career departments and cultivated through programs like the International Association of Fire Chiefs' Fire Service Executive Development Institute (FSEDI), Matthew has served as the Illinois Representative to the IAFC Great Lakes Division and currently holds the position of Great Lakes Division Representative to the EFO Section of the IAFC. His involvement extends beyond his department, actively participating in numerous emergency response committees at local, state, and national levels.

As a advocate for excellence and service, he is humbled to ask for your vote for re-election to represent our division. His commitment to the division and dedication to the EFO program are unwavering. Recently, he has had the privilege of collaborating with fellow EFO Section members on initiatives like reviewing the applications for the 2024 EFO courses and developing training workshops with the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA). Drawing from past experiences, Matthew understands the pivotal role effective communication and strategic planning play in addressing regional challenges.

If re-elected, Matt pledges to advance initiatives like the GFOA partnership, enhance NFA coordination, and ensure the division's voices are not only heard but valued. Together, let us continue to uphold the highest standards of excellence in the fire service, forging a stronger, safer future for our communities and our profession.