

Christopher J. Parsons

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PROFILE

I am currently a Fire Captain/EMT with the City of Saint Paul and President/Executive Director of the Minnesota Professional Fire Fighters with over 18 years professional firefighting experience and 14 years experience advocating fire-service policy and related issues to State and local governments. I have been recognized by the International Association Of Fire Fighters for my work on phasing out flame retardants and have presented at the 2015 IAFF Redmond Health & Safety Conference and the 2016 IAFF Cancer Symposium.

EXPERIENCE

Fire Captain/EMT, City of Saint Paul; Saint Paul, MN 2007 Present

Supervise, guide, counsel, mentor, and command subordinate staff of fire/Medic company. Act as initial IC during incident operations. Oversee the daily operation of a fire company and station, while enforcing department and city policies.

President/Executive Director, Minnesota Professional Fire Fighters 2013 Present

Chief statewide lobbyist, advocate, and representative for association of 1800 professional union firefighters, dispatchers, and paramedics from 41 affiliates around Minnesota. Advocate for good fire-service policies throughout the state. Facilitate the resolution of union/employer conflicts and internal union matters.

Chair Officer/Recording Secretary, Saint Paul Fire Fighters Local 21 2006 2013

Spokesperson and chief political operative for union of over 400 professional firefighters, paramedics, and EMTs. Advocated to City Council and other city leaders on behalf of fire department and firefighter union.

Firefighter, City Of Saint Paul; Saint Paul, MN 2000-2006

Performed work as directed by superiors relating primarily to fire-ground and other emergency operations, the treatment of medical emergencies, and fire inspections. Performed work as Emergency Medical Technician as part of ambulance crew.

EDUCATION

University of Wisconsin- River Falls —Bachelor of Science in Sociology, 1998

AWARDS

2017 Minnesota State Fire Chief's Association President's Leadership Award

2015 IAFF State President of the Year For Work on Landmark Flame Retardant Legislation

2015 Clean Water Action Hero Award

FIRE DEPARTMENT COMMITTEES

2005 Mayor-Elect Coleman's Transition Team

2006-2013 Labor/Management Committee

2007 Firefighter Hiring Committee

2013 Diversity Committee

LEGISLATIVE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

2015 Landmark Flame Retardant Ban Passed by MN Legislature

2015 Community EMT Legislation Passed by MN Legislature

2016 MN Hometown Heroes Act Formally Recognizing Deaths From Cardiac Events and Strokes Within 24 Hours of a Response as LODD's Passed by MN Legislature

2018 2nd in the Nation First-Responder PTSD Presumption Passed Legislature

2018 Updated Flame Retardant Ban on Organohalogenated Class Flame Retardants and Class B Foam (PFAS) Restrictions and Reporting

OTHER ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Successfully proposed and implemented a state matching-grant program to provide turnout gear washers and dryers to Minnesota fire departments. \$1.1 million awarded to over 140 fire departments.