



## PATRICK J. RUSSELL

### OVERVIEW

- With nearly four decades of public service, I oversee a department of 410 personnel and a \$180 million budget supporting fire, rescue, and emergency medical services for more than 360,000 residents and approximately 25 million visitors each year.

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### PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

- 18<sup>th</sup> Fire Chief responsible for oversight of a \$180 million budget, managing fire, rescue, and emergency medical services for the 10<sup>th</sup> largest city in California.
- Achieved and maintained ISO Class I rating.
- Implemented multiple highly successful programs relating to community risk reduction, household hazardous waste removal, recycling, and classroom safety. 25 years Federal Type I Incident Management Team, currently serving as Deputy Incident Commander.
- 12 years as an Operations Section Chief, leading complex wildland fire operations across federal, state, and local jurisdictions.
- Implemented quarterly roundtable discussions between command and front-line staff, improving communication and overall morale.
- Incident commander for the Orange County All Risk Incident Management team.
- Member of FIRESCOPE Leadership Board of Directors representing fire agencies in Southern California.
- Actively involved in multiple wildfire mitigation committees, advancing firefighter safety, mutual aid coordination, and strategies that strengthen community resilience.
- Founding member of the California Incident Command Certification System

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### WORK HISTORY

#### FIRE CHIEF, CITY OF ANAHEIM

July 2019 to Present

- Staffing level of 250 sworn and 160 civilian professional personnel.
- Executive leadership of a full-service fire department for a population of 350,000 residents and 25 million annual visitors to the Disneyland Resort, Angels Stadium, Anaheim Convention Center, Honda Center, and other entertainment venues.
- Establish department service and staffing levels in accordance with City policy; continuously elevating operational effectiveness and aligning resources to optimize service delivery.
- Direct and coordinate Fire & Rescue Department's strategic work plan through command staff, assigning programmatic responsibility and ensuring accountability across divisions.

- Oversee development and administration of the department's budget; approve staffing, equipment, and supply forecasts; authorize expenditures and implement fiscal adjustments to maintain financial integrity.
- Serve as principal advisor to the City Manager and City Council on fire emergency services operations; prepared and delivered executive briefings, staff reports, and performance assessments.
- Serve on regional and professional boards, commissions, and advisory committees supporting public safety and emergency management policy.
- Serve in senior command roles on a Federal Type I Incident Management Team, providing strategic leadership on fires impacting critical infrastructure, dense urban-wildland interfaces, and high-risk communities.
- Provide frontline operational perspective to legislative discussions on initial attack capability, interagency coordination, aviation resources, and dispatch capacity.

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CERTIFICATES /  
TRAINING

Qualified under the Incident Command System and California Incident Command Certification System: Incident Commander, Safety Officer, Safety Officer, Operations Section Chief/ Branch Director, Division/Group Supervisor, Strike Team Leader Engine/Strike Team Crews, Task Force Leader, Structure Protection Specialist, Operations Section Chief.

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