

Bio ~ John Sinclair

John Sinclair is currently the Fire Chief of Kittitas Valley Fire Rescue, and Emergency Manager for the City of Ellensburg, in Washington State

He has spent the past 40 years learning the art and science of fire suppression, EMS, emergency management, management of projects and leadership of people. He has held the positions of firefighter, paramedic, lieutenant, battalion chief, assistant chief, deputy chief and fire chief learning from each position or department he has worked for.

He is currently the President of the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) 2016-2017. John has served in a leadership role of some type within the International Association of Fire Chiefs for 22 years. Serving on the Emergency Medical Services Section for 19 years, 4 years as Chair and served as the International Director to the Board for 7 years. His involvement with the EMS Section over the past 20 years has allowed him to be involved with every major issue to face fire-based EMS for two decades. This has allowed him to become an expert in EMS systems and on many operational areas.

Additionally, John has served on; the Advisory Board of Fire and Emergency Television Network (FETN), the Advisory Board for Tacoma Community College and Central Washington University's Paramedic Program and served on Board of Directors for the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians for nine years. Currently he represents the Fire Service on the National EMS Advisory Council (NEMSAC) and served as the Chair of that group.

John is a published author, recognized speaker, consultant and expert witness. As a lifelong learner, he is always willing and ready to learn from others.

Because of John's expertise related to Mass Casualty Incident Management, he has worked with the American College of Surgeons Hartford Consensus I and II. He also assisted department of Homeland Security and Centers for Disease Control with their Bystander Response Project.