



Bernard "Bernie" Piro [Pyro]
Retired Louisiana Fire Fighter

Bernie was hired as a firefighter on February 23, 1981, by the Shreveport Fire Department, which fulfilled a lifelong dream. He rose to the ranks of fire engineer in 1989, fire captain in 1998, and battalion chief in 2011. Bernie retired in 2015 after nearly 35 years of service.

Bernie also served on the fire chief's advisory committee and the Vehicle and Apparatus Replacement Committee for two years. He was a member of the Shreveport Firefighters Board of Trustees for six years and the executive board of the Shreveport Firefighters Association from 1989 to 2006.

Bernie is a registered emergency medical technician and a certified hazardous material technician. He received a fire science degree from Louisiana State University at Eunice. He is currently working to organize an association for retired fire fighters.