

Rusty Kattner
Candidate for 4th Vice President
State Firemen's and Fire Marshals' Association

College Degrees

AAS Criminal Justice
AAS Fire Protection Technology
AAS Arson Investigation

I graduated with Phi Theta Kappa National Honor Society seals with a grade point average of 3.510 of a possible 4.0

Certifications

Texas Commission on Fire Protection

Master Firefighter
Master Fire Inspector
Master Arson Investigator
Fire Service Instructor II

Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Education

Master Peace Officer License

SFFMA

Master Firefighter
Advanced Fire Investigator (Accredited)
Advanced Fire Inspector (Accredited)
Level II Instructor

IFSAC Seals

Firefighter I and II
Hazmat Awareness
Hazmat Operations
Fire Investigator
Fire Inspector I and II

My History

I started my fire service career with the Copperas Cove Volunteer Fire Department in 1970. In 1973 I joined the career department in Copperas Cove and was promoted to Fire Marshal in 1974. In 1977 I accepted a position with the Galveston Fire Department as Asst. Fire Marshal and was promoted to Fire Marshal in 1988. I retired from the Galveston Fire Department in 2000 after 23 years of Service. After retiring from the

Galveston Fire Department, I joined the Village Fire Department where I am currently employed as Deputy Fire Marshal.

My volunteer service continued with the Copperas Cove Volunteer Fire Department even after joining the career side. After moving to Hitchcock in 1978 I joined the Volunteer Fire Department and served until my retirement after 25 years. Ten of those 25 years with Hitchcock I served as their Fire Chief. I currently serve as Trustee for the department. After my retirement from Hitchcock I joined the Santa Fe Fire and Rescue where I regularly instruct members.

I have been a member of the Galveston County Firefighters' Association executive board since 1988, serving a majority of that time as Secretary/Treasurer. Currently I serve as a commissioner and treasurer for the Association.

I am a past president of the Gulf Coast District. I have received the endorsement of the Gulf Coast District for 4th Vice President of the SFFMA.

I served as an adjunct instructor for the College of the Mainland (COM) and Houston Community College System (HCCS). While at COM, I coordinated the Basic Firefighter, Basic Fire Inspector, and Basic Arson Investigator certification programs. I also was assistant coordinator for the degree curriculum program. I have served as an instructor for the past 23 years during the Annual Municipal Fire School.

I have served on the board of directors for the Texas Fire Marshal's Association, the Municipal Fire School Advisory Board, the State Fire Marshal's Ad-Hoc Committee of the State Fire and Building code, and the State Fire Marshal's public education committee.

I am a graduate of the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Maryland.

Why Do I Want to be 4th Vice President?

The SFFMA is the only organization who represents the Volunteer Fire Service in this great state. As a volunteer firefighter for the past 39 years I have a keen interest in making sure the needs of the volunteer firefighter is served. I want to insure the survival of this wonderful service. Collectively the executive board of the SFFMA not only has an obligation to protect the volunteer fire service but has the talent to succeed. I want very much to contribute to this talent as 4th Vice President for the SFFMA.

I have attended every annual conference for the last 30 years, missing only one during this period. I have coordinated two conferences for Galveston in 1997 and 2003. Each conference was notable for having the largest attendance each time. My experience in conference coordination and having attended 29 conferences, I have a desire for our conferences to grow and expertly serve the volunteer fire service of Texas.

Of course, I certainly would like to have your support for 4th Vice President in Corpus Christi.

Thank you