



*Chief Greg Summitt*

My name is Greg Summitt and I am seeking election for the Foothills Director position for the Western North Carolina Association of Firefighters. I have always been one that does not settle for mediocracy when it comes to leadership. At age 13, I earned my Eagle Scout in which I still honor the morals and values learned daily. One of those being dedication to my career, not for myself, but for those around me. I strive daily to enhance the quality of any aspect in which I can play a role in within my department and affiliated boards and associations.

I believe that I could be a leader in narrowing the gaps of generational differences that are being seen in the fire service today. It is also my goal to show all generations of my area the importance of being involved in something larger than the department in which you serve. I believe I have knowledge and understanding from all aspects, from understanding the younger generations, to proper leadership and instruction, as well as the critical morals and values that must be upheld in a leader.

I began my fire service career with the Cleveland Community Volunteer Fire Department in Rowan County at the age of 16 and currently serve as the Deputy Chief; where I also serve as a board member for the department. I have 14 years of career fire experience, with the last 10 years with the City of Kannapolis in Cabarrus County and was promoted to Training Chief in 2017. I also serve as a part-time instructor for Rowan Cabarrus Community college with qualifications in Firefighter I & II, Technical Rescuer, TR Vehicle, Driver Operator Pumps and Fire Officer I & II.

I hold an Associate Degree in Fire Protection Technology from Coastal Carolina Community College and I am currently attending Fayetteville State University for a Bachelor's Degree in Fire and Emergency Services Administration, with an expected completion date of 2019.

I have earned numerous certifications such as Fire Officer III, Fire Instructor III, Fire Inspector I, Haz Mat Technician and Advanced Firefighter Certificate from NCSFA. I completed the North Carolina Association of Fire Chief's Executive Development Program in October of 2017, UNCC's Fire Rescue Management Institute in 2016 and I am currently enrolled in the North Carolina Association of Fire Chiefs Training Management program this fall. In 2016, I was awarded the Fire Officer Designation from the Center for Public Safety Excellence.

I would appreciate your support on October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at the next meeting held at the Forge Valley Event Center, 8818 Boylston Highway Mills River, NC 28759.