

CHIEF FRANK HAND

Candidate for the Volunteer and Combination Fire Officers Section Board of Directors,
4 Generations with 145 years of Service, Volunteer and Career



I am seeking a seat on the Board as I am able and willing to step up my involvement with the section in a leadership role and can commit to continuing the great work of the VCOS Board.

Chief Hand currently serves as the Fire Chief in Pottstown a combination department that serves two municipalities in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania. Chief Hand has served for over 20 years as a career and volunteer chief fire officer in different agencies and over 44 years of active service from Firefighter Paramedic to Chief of Department. "I have always seen and valued the resources and benefits of membership and have continuously attended many of the IAFC conferences". Serving in a combination fire department as the Department Chief in an urban setting with overall command and administrative responsibilities, including strategic planning that seek to identify the goals of preserving a viable combination in an all-hazard department and to continuously manage a comprehensive budget with accountability for short- and long-term goals makes me a viable candidate. Frank recognizes and keeps current for trends in public safety and response capabilities within a combination system that responds annually to over 1300 fire and 8500 EMS responses.



VCOS BOARD PLATFORM Chief Frank Hand

It is my intent to support the strategic direction and initiatives of VCOS. My additional objectives are to help our membership navigate through structural firefighting, leadership, member health, safety and management resources by me providing proven leadership.



MY Capabilities for serving the VCOS board,

Excellent Judgment and Decision
Making

Leader and Mentor

Self-Aware

Safety Focus Mind Set

Job Knowledge and Educator

Teamwork and Collaborator

Members First attitude

Being Nice

- “Leadership is about much more than emergency incident management. It is about providing a clear and positive vision for the fire department; communicating that vision to the firefighters, community, and elected officials; and then working every day to make that vision a reality”. Fire Engineering 9.16.2021

by my recognizing daily what each of you do
will allow for me to support our
mission, *Thank you for your
consideration,* **Frank**

This is the work we as fire chiefs
must do between fires and other
emergencies – community well-
being, quality of life concerns, an
educator, communicator,
listener, parent, safety
inspections, EMS, departmental
training, apparatus, recruiting,
planning, budgeting, preventing
& solving daily issues, record
retention, data review,
generating policy and preparing
for the future.

