



## Brian A. Crawford, Fire Chief

### Shreveport Fire Department

The Shreveport Fire Department is lead by **Fire Chief Brian A. Crawford**. He is responsible for directing 620 employees, 22 fire stations, and disciplines of fire suppression, EMS, heavy-rescue, Training, Fire Prevention, Maintenance, 911 Communications, and Airport Fire Rescue in the public safety mission of the organization. He was selected by Mayor Cedric B. Glover and confirmed by City Council on July 3 and July 8, 2008 respectively. Prior to his appointment **Crawford** served as Assistant to the Fire Chief under

his predecessor, now Atlanta (Georgia), Fire Chief Kelvin Cochran. Following a nationwide search which produced more than 30 candidates, **Crawford** was selected as Shreveport's 14<sup>th</sup> fire chief since 1891.

Proud to call Shreveport his hometown, **Crawford** was a U.S. Air Force dependant. He was born in 1963 at Grand Forks Air Force Base in North Dakota and lived in California, Japan, Delaware, and Virginia before his family moved back to Shreveport in 1977. He is a 1982 graduate of Southwood High School.

**Crawford** began his fire service career in Shreveport in 1984, completing his training as part of the 31<sup>st</sup> Basic Class. He was assigned as a Firefighter/EMT to Station 7 (Truck 7) in the Highland Neighborhood and later Station 9 (Truck 9) in Cedar Grove. In 1985 he was transferred to Central Station 1 (Engine 1) downtown and six months later to Rescue 1 where he would remain until 1988.

In 1988 **Crawford** was promoted to Fire Medic Driver and assigned to Station 15 (Medic 15) in Sunset Acres. He would receive his paramedic training in 1990 and as side employment join the flight aeromedical transport team consortium of Life Air Rescue of Willis Knighton and Schumpert Medical Centers in 1991.

**Crawford** was promoted to Fire Engineer in 1994. His first administrative role would come in 1996 when promoted to EMS Officer overseeing medical CQI evaluation. He would become a Training Officer in 1998 where he also oversaw the organization's hiring process. In 2000 he became part of the Command Staff and was promoted as the department's first Public Information Officer. In 2002 he promoted to the Assistant to the Fire Chief position where he oversaw the Administrative Staff, \$45 million operating budget and was the Director of Strategic Planning.

**Chief Crawford** is a National Fire Academy (NFA) resident instructor as well as a NFA Executive Fire Officer Program (EFO) graduate, an International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM) Certified Emergency Manager and IAEM Certification Commissioner. He holds the Chief Fire Officer (CFO) designation from the Commission on Professional Credentialing, and is a Member of the Institute of Fire Engineers, National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), and the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) where he serves as Chair for the Program Planning Committee. He is a freelance writer and serves on the Editorial Advisory Board for Fire Chief Magazine.

A graduate of Harvard University's Kennedy School of Senior Executives in State and Local Government, **Crawford** holds a Master of Arts in Industrial Psychology from Louisiana Tech University, a Bachelor of Science in Organizational Management from Wiley College of Marshall, Texas, and an Associate of Science in Paramedic from Bossier Parish Community College where he is currently an adjunct faculty member.

**Chief Crawford** is married to the former Stacey Lynn Thompson of Pineville, Louisiana. They have four children, Brent, Kristen, Landon, and Hayden.