



## FIRE CHIEF FINALIST CANDIDATES

**Bryan Brice** has 30 years of fire service experience and he has been the Fire Chief for the City of Mount Vernon, Washington, Fire Department since 2016. Prior to that, he was Fire Chief for the City of Oxnard, California, Fire Department from 2015-2016. Mr. Brice was with the Orange County Fire Authority in California for 26 years, beginning in 1989 as a Firefighter/Paramedic. His roles with the Authority included Captain, Battalion Chief, Deputy Fire Marshal, and he was a Division Chief from 2012-2015, serving as the local Fire Chief for five of the Authority's partner cities. He has a master's degree in Public Administration from Brandman University, a bachelor's degree in Occupational Studies from California State University, Long Beach, and an associate degree from Riverside Community College.

**Christopher Riley** has 37 years of experience in the fire service and was most recently Fire Chief for the City of Colorado Springs, Colorado, Fire Department from 2013-2016. Prior to that, he was Fire Chief for the City of Pueblo, Colorado, Fire Department from 2006-2013. Mr. Riley's fire service experience includes 25 years of service to three cities in California where he was a Firefighter/EMT at South Pasadena, Firefighter/Paramedic at Garden Grove, and Firefighter/Paramedic, Captain and Battalion Chief at Costa Mesa. He has a master's degree in Emergency Services Administration and a bachelor's degree in Vocation Education, both from California State University, Long Beach, and an associate degree in Fire Science from Mount San Antonio College.

**Brian Schaeffer** has been in the fire service since 1989. He has been with the City of Spokane, Washington, Fire Department since 2005, serving as Assistant Fire Chief until 2016, then Acting Fire Chief for over a year, and he has been Fire Chief since 2017. During his career, in Washington, he was Deputy Fire Chief for the City of Yakima and Yakima County Fire District 12, and, in Missouri, he was Fire Chief for the Wright City Fire District, and a Firefighter/Paramedic for Central Jackson County Fire District and Warrensburg Fire Department. Mr. Schaeffer has a bachelor's degree in Fire Science from Sterling College, a master's degree in Public Administration from the University of Missouri, and he has been working on a doctorate degree in Leadership Education from Creighton University.