

New Fire Chief: Administrative Issues (NFA F0761)

The goal of this two-day course is to provide students with the managerial, administrative and leadership skills and awareness necessary for new or recently appointed or elected chiefs to effectively meet their obligations of the position.

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Daryl Rausch has been the Fire Chief and Emergency Management Director in Fort Atkinson since 2016. Prior to serving there, he held similar positions in Monroe, Wisconsin, and Guttenberg, Iowa. Chief Rausch has served in volunteer and combination departments in Wisconsin, Iowa and Nebraska since 1980. Chief Rausch holds a Bachelor of Business Administration, is a National Fire Academy Executive Fire Officer and is a graduate of the Emergency Management Institute Leaders Academy inaugural class. He is a nationally certified Fire Officer II, Fire Instructor II, EMS First Responder and Fire Department Health and Safety (HSO) and Incident Safety (ISO) Officer. Additionally, he holds certifications in Iowa and Wisconsin as a Firefighter II, Driver Operator, Aerial Operator, and Fire Inspector and is a founding and active member of the Northern Wisconsin Incident Management Team (Type IV). Chief Rausch also serves as a state representative on the Wisconsin Fire Service Certification board and monitors state certification testing at community colleges and department test sites. Chief Rausch has been a National Fire Academy instructor for more than 15 years, is a contract instructor for Wisconsin Emergency Management and is an adjunct instructor at three local technical colleges. Chief Rausch and his wife Gail have two adult daughters and two very active labradoodle pups. In their spare time, they enjoy spending time at their vacation home in Burnett County, Wisconsin, travelling to visit National Parks, touring in their convertible, and spoiling their 8 grandkids and 3 great grandkids.