

**Bio:** I currently have over 25 years in the fire service, serving in municipal, county and state government. I am employed with the City of Springdale Fire Department. Springdale FD is in the top 1% of the 38,195 graded fire departments in the U.S. having been Internationally Accredited, graded ISO 1 and having an ACE dispatch while providing accredited ALS ambulance service. I am qualified to work all special operations assignments and have worked on engine, ladder, medic, hazmat, marine and rescue companies. I am an adjunct instructor for the Arkansas Fire Academy, volunteer recruitment and training chief for Tontitown Fire Department, member of National Incident Management Team (Southern Area) and serve as the Constable for Washington County, Arkansas. On my free time I operate Small Town Chief LLC, a public safety consulting company. In 2020, I was hired to build the Tontitown Fire Department. Through a federal grant, I was the first FEMA volunteer recruitment and retention officer in the State of Arkansas. The department today has 35 members and I have helped implement over \$8 million dollars in capital improvements and a yearly budget of nearly \$1.5 million dollars. Capital improvements included the design and construction of a new \$5.3 million fire station.

## **Current Experience / Employment:**

City of Springdale, Arkansas I	Fire Department ISO-Class 1 Pop: 90,000
417 Holcomb	Springdale, Arkansas 72762 479-750-8191
Chief: B. Holt	<u>www.springdalear.gov</u> Rank: Driver Operator
<b>Tontitown Fire Department</b>	ISO-Class 4 Pop: 8,000
199 Bandini Ave.	Tontitown, AR 72770 72745 (479) 365-2056
Chief: Ryan Krug	<u>www.Tontitown.com</u> Rank: Battalion Chief

## Past Experience:

- Volunteer firefighter since 2000. Full-time firefighter since 2004. (35 years of service in state retirement system)
- Held the rank of Firefighter, Driver, Captain, Battalion Chief and Fire Chief.
- Joined the fire service in 1996 as junior firefighter.
- Been deployed as part of a NWCG type 1 medical unit to wildfires across the country.
- Fire equipment sales and service on and off since 2010.
- Worked with volunteer, paid on call and full-time fire departments.
- Assigned to the fire marshal's office (Inspections and Building Hazards) in 2009.
- Past president of Pine Bluff fraternal order of firefighters.
- Past vice president ASE Fool's (Firefighter Training, Chapter of FOOL's International)
- Past secretary of Grant County Rescue.
- Constable of Washington Township. White Hall, Arkansas.
- Five years of law enforcement with state and municipal agencies.
- Water, sewer and streets superintendent for City of Grady, Arkansas.

## **Education:**

- 2016 Northwest Arkansas Community College, Pre-hospital Paramedicine
- 2009-2010 Southeast Arkansas College, Graduated Certification, NREMT-Basic
- 2005 South Arkansas University Tech, Graduated Certification, Firefighter I & II, Haz/Mat Operations and EMR.
- 2000 Arkansas High School Diploma.

Credentials & Certifications:	FIRE	EMS/RESCUE	HAZ/MAT	LAW	
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IFSAC / Pro-board Firefighter I		National Fire Academy Instructional Techniques for			
IFSAC / Pro-board Firefighter II		Company Officers			
IFSAC / Pro-board Company Officer I		Department of Homeland Security Basic Public			
IFSAC /Pro-board Company Officer II		Information Officer			
IFSAC / Pro-board Inspector I		IFSAC / Pro-board Instructor I			
NWCG S-110, S-130, S-190, Red Card		Volunteer Firefighter Recruitment and Retention			
Wildland Firefighter, Medical Unit Leader	Coordinator				
National Fire Academy Instructor I		IFSAC / Pro-board Driver Operator 1A			
National Fire Academy Health Safety Officer		National Fire Academy Incident Safety Officer			
National Fire Academy Leadership I, II, III	National Fire Academy Strategy and Tactics				
Southern Arkansas University Rapid Inter	Arkansas Forestry Commission Wildland Fire				
Team		Suppression			
Pre-hospital Trauma Life Support (Combin	National Registered Emergency Medical Technician-Basic				
International Certified Swift Water Rescue		International Certified Rope Rescue Technician			
Technician-Advanced					
Southern Arkansas University Auto Extric	Southern Arkansas University Advanced Auto Extrication				
SSI Open Water SCUBA Diver		Southern Arkansas University School Bus Extrication			
Southern Arkansas University Confined S	Stop The Blead Train The Trainer				
IFSAC Hazardous Materials Awareness		EMI FEMA IS 100,200,300,400,700,800,804, Haz/Mat,			
IFSAC Hazardous Materials Operations				elopment Series	
Southern Arkansas University Hazardous	Materials	Hazardous Materials Basic Street Chemistry			
Technician					
Hazardous Materials Detection Identifica	Department of Homeland Security Nuclear, Biological				
Monitoring and Sampling	and Chemical Awareness				
Department of Homeland Security Nuclea	ar, Biological	Part Time II Police Officer Certification			
and Chemical Operations		(Active Shooter, OC, Radar, SWAT, and BAC Cert)			
Certified Correctional Officer, State of Arkansas Over 1000 Hours of Fire & EMS Certification					

## **Achievements:**

- Over 10,000 emergency responses. Over 500 structure fire responses. (Average 700 responses a year)
- Worked as part of NIMT, Tiger Island Fire, largest wildfire in Louisiana history, 2023.
- Initial response to the Springdale, Arkansas tornado 2022
- Initial response to the Tontitown flooding event 2022.
- Elected as Constable of Washington County District # 1, Tontitown, Elm Springs, Springdale and Nob Hill, 2022.
- Worked as part of NIMT, August Complex Fire, largest wildfire in California history, 2020.
- Initial response to the NWA flooding event 2017.

- 2017 fire company of year award for actions for the rescue of a victim at a structure fire.
- Medal of valor award in 2014 from the City of Springdale for the rescue of a victim at a structure fire.
- Local award for rescue of a woman from a house fire without the protection of a hand line 2013.
- Local award for rope rescue of a child who had climbed up a 150+ foot water tower in a tornado warning, 2011.
- Co-chaired racial diversity and management forum, Spring 2011, Pine Bluff, Ark.
- Formed (Co-founder of Arkansas Smoke Eaters, ASE Fool's), 2011, training 25 firefighters a month.
- Local award for rescue of a wheel chair bound woman from a third-floor apartment fire 2009.
- Lifesaving award from the DOJ in 2008 for the rescue of three victims at an early morning house fire.
- Urban search & rescue response to Dumas, Arkansas tornado 2007.
- Search and recovery on the Casey Crowder kidnapping in 2006.
- Worked Hurricane Katrina recovery center at Pine Bluff, Arkansas 2005.
- Built Arkansas's largest firefighter-based website. (Arkansas Fire News)
- Started fire prevention add campaign for City of Pine Bluff, Arkansas
- First public information officer for Pine Bluff FD 2006, Appointed by Fire Chief Parsley (Website & Social Media)