

**Full Name & Rank:**

Gale Stelzer II, Chief of Logistics & Emergency Resources

**Original Home District:**

Aboite Fire Department / West Central Fire District

**Years of Service:**

28 Years in Fire & EMS

**Professional Biography**

Background:

Over the past 28 years, I have served roles ranging from operations to district leadership, including 17 years as Fire Chief for Aboite Fire Department and the West Central Fire District. My career has focused on strengthening emergency response, advancing clinical capability, and building reliable systems that support the men and women who serve our communities. As a paramedic, I helped lead the transition of our department to ALS/Paramedic-level service, expanding the level of care available to residents. I am proud of the progress we have made in improving readiness, modernizing operations, equipment, and ensuring our responders have what they need to succeed.

**Education & Certifications:**

- Fire Officer I, II, III & IV
- Fire Officer Strategy & Tactics
- Fire Chief Executive Training Academy
- ICS 400: Advanced Incident Command / General Staff
- All Hazards Incident Commander
- Fire Investigator
- Fire Inspector
- Incident Safety Officer
- Fire & Emergency Instructor I & II
- Live Fire Instructor
- EMT Primary Instructor
- EVOC Instructor
- ACLS Instructor
- PALS Instructor
- CPR Instructor
- Hazmat Operations
- Rope Rescue Technician
- Vehicle Rescuer Technician
- Driver Operator General

- Driver Operator Pumper
- Emergency Vehicle Operator
- Firemedic IV

### **What drew you to the fire service?**

I was drawn to the fire service by a simple motivation, a desire to help people when they need it most. Over time, that instinct grew into a commitment to protecting the community and continually improving the service and care we provide.

### **The Duties with the Unified District**

#### **Primary Area of Responsibility:**

As Chief of Logistics & Emergency Resources, my responsibility is to ensure that every responder in Allen County has the equipment, supplies, and operational support necessary to deliver consistent, high-quality service. This includes countywide logistics, fleet and equipment standardization, resource coordination, and the systems that support clinical and operational readiness across all districts.

#### **Vision:**

My first-year goal is to build a unified logistics and resource framework that strengthens reliability, improves clinical support, and ensures our responders have the tools they need to serve the public effectively.

#### **Community Impact:**

The greatest benefit of unification is the ability to provide consistent, dependable, and well-coordinated emergency services to every resident of Allen County. By aligning resources and standardizing support, we can improve readiness, enhance service delivery, and create a stronger, more efficient system for the communities we serve.