

Cal Thiele

The Basics

- **Full Name & Title:** Cal Thiele, Trustee & Co-Chair
- **Original Home District:** Southwest Allen County Fire District (representing Pleasant Township)
- **Years of Service:** 50 years

Professional Biography Cal Thiele first felt the calling to "be a positive step by helping those in need" when he was a senior in high school, prompting him to join the Poe Volunteer Fire Department. Over an incredible 50-year career in public safety, Cal rose through the ranks at Poe to serve as both Lieutenant and Captain, and spent 14 years managing the department's finances as Treasurer. He was also heavily involved in the community, actively organizing numerous department fundraisers, including Poe's famous "Poe Peanut Brittle" initiative. Expanding his service to county communications, Cal also worked as a 911 dispatcher for the Allen County Police and Fire departments for 7 years. Following his operational career, he was appointed to the Southwest Fire Board to represent Pleasant Township.

Education & Certifications

- Firefighter Certifications
- Hazardous Materials Certification
- Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)
- Active Shooter Response Certification
- Traffic Management Certification
- 7 Years Allen County 911 Dispatcher Experience

Unified District Vision

- **Community Impact Vision:** *"Ever since my appointment to the Southwest Fire Board to represent Pleasant Twp, I was impassioned to provide EQUAL responses to ALL in Allen County when they need assistance. When I sensed the movement for Allen County to create the 1st district for the largest Indiana county, I was all in. My current endeavor on the board is to support upper staff with vision and direction, to best use taxpayers' monies and keep active staff safe to model the 'Everyone goes Home' concept."*