

The Basics

Full Name & Rank:

Jeremy Bush, Executive Fire Chief

Original Home District:

Fort Wayne Fire Department / Fort Wayne Metro Professional Firefighters

Years of Service:

25+ Years in Fire Service

Professional Biography

Background:

Over the past 25 years, I have had the privilege of serving in both emergency response and executive leadership roles focused on improving services, supporting firefighters and EMS professionals, and strengthening public safety.

For more than 16 years, I have led an organization representing over 600 first responders while working in budgeting, governance, personnel matters, promotions, labor relations, legislative advocacy, and public safety initiatives.

Some of the milestones I am most proud of include helping build the framework for a stronger future in Allen County, expanding regional collaboration, and advocating for the men and women our system depends on every day on the front lines.

Education & Certifications:

- Fire Officer I & II
- Fire Officer Strategy & Tactics
- State Certified Instructor
- State Certified Inspector I & II
- ICS 300: Intermediate Incident Command
- ICS 400: Advanced Incident Command / General Staff
- State Certified Safety Officer
- State Certified HazMat Technician
- Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)
- Executive Leadership Experience in Governance, Budgeting, Merit Law, Negotiations, and Public Administration

What drew you to the fire service?

The opportunity to make a real difference in people's lives while serving beside dedicated men and women committed to protecting others.

Duties with the Unified District

Primary Area of Responsibility:

As Executive Fire Chief, my responsibility is to harness the more than 150 years of combined leadership experience among our current chiefs in budgeting, operations, governance, and oversight.

I am also committed to fostering effective teamwork, providing the tools and support necessary for first responder success, ensuring strong governance and accountability, and advancing our shared vision to build the strongest and most effective system possible.

Together, as a leadership team, we will provide clear countywide strategic direction for Fire & EMS services. This includes strengthening operational alignment, driving long-term planning, implementing effective policy, coordinating resources responsibly, and ensuring we work together efficiently in pursuit of operational excellence.

Your Vision:

My first-year goal is to establish a strong and transparent foundation that improves coordination, strengthens staffing and response capabilities, standardizes key services, and builds public confidence in a system designed for long-term success.

Community Impact:

The greatest benefit of unification is that residents across Allen County can receive more reliable, efficient, and consistent emergency services regardless of where they live. This means better coordination, stronger preparedness, responsible use of taxpayer dollars, and a safer future for every community.

“Service to our communities. Protection for our responders. Accountability to all.”