

## Larry Owen

### The Basics

- **Full Name & Title:** Larry Owen, Trustee
- **Original Home District:** Southwest Fire District Board of Trustees
- **Past Departments:** Poe Fire Department, Wayne Township Fire Department, Southwest Fire District
- **Years of Service:** 52+ years

**Professional Biography** Larry Owen's passion for the fire service began as a young boy, long before he was even old enough to join. He has since compiled over 52 years of dedicated service across the Poe Fire Department, Wayne Township Fire Department, and the Southwest Fire District. Throughout his frontline career, Larry held a variety of volunteer and part-time paid leadership ranks, including Lieutenant, Captain, District Chief, and Assistant Chief, and helped kickstart the Allen County Fire Chiefs Association in its early days. Outside of the fire service, Larry brought extensive private-sector executive experience to the community, managing corporate HR, occupational safety, property management, commercial insurance lines, government compliance, land procurement, demolition, and capital budgeting. He has also coached youth sports and served as treasurer for multiple civic clubs, cementing his lifelong commitment to Allen County.

### Education & Certifications

- Firefighter 1 & 2 Certifications
- Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)
- Hazardous Materials (HazMat) Certification
- Certified Driving Instructor
- Private Sector Executive Experience (HR, Budgeting, Safety, Compliance)

### Unified District Vision

- **Community Impact Vision:** *"I believe that having a unified county fire district is the most economical way to provide advanced and equal fire and EMS services to all of Allen County, and I am excited to serve. My passion for the fire service runs deep and I bleed fire engine red."*