

## Michael Meyers

### The Basics

- **Original Home District:** West Central Fire District (WCFD) / Aboite Fire Department
- **Years of Service:** 41 Years in Fire/EMS (1982–2023)

### Professional Biography

- **Background:** Born and raised in Fort Wayne, Mike graduated from South Side High School in 1969 and attended Vincennes and Indiana University. He returned to Fort Wayne to work in an industrial container business before embarking on a decade-long career with Rollins Leasing (now Penske Leasing) in heavy-duty semi-tractor sales and marketing. In 1982, he joined the Aboite Township Fire Department, earning his pilot's license, 1st Class Firefighter status, and EMT certification all in the same year. Over his 33 years of active duty with Aboite, Mike ran the fire and EMS operations, served as Assistant EMS Chief for two years, and was a member of the Allen County FAST team (Fire Arson Specialized Team). Parallel to his service, he spent 32 years in non-ferrous marketing and sales for OmniSource Corporation / SDI Steel Dynamics, traveling coast-to-coast, and serving as President of the Indiana Chapter of the Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries from 2000 to 2004. After a brief venture owning a lawn care business post-retirement, Mike was elected Aboite Township Trustee in 2020. In this role, he managed township fire, EMS, parks, and assistance, successfully bringing paramedic services to Aboite and partnering with Allen County Commissioners to establish regional Fire Protection Districts. He currently serves on the Aboite Civil Township Board.
- **Education & Certifications:**
  - Completed Coursework – Vincennes University & Indiana University
  - 1st Class Firefighter (Fire 1 & 2)
  - Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)
  - Licensed Pilot

### What drew you to the fire service?

Mike has spent his life and professional career fueled by a deep curiosity about everything and everyone he meets—earning him a reputation as someone who "has never met a stranger." This passion for people naturally drew him to frontline emergency service and

public safety infrastructure, a calling that evolved from decades of volunteering into leading regional district consolidation.

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

- **Primary Area of Responsibility:** Serving as the Board President of the West Central Fire District (WCFD) following a recent appointment by the Allen County Commissioners, providing executive governance and strategic leadership.
- **Your Vision:** Dedicated to structural excellence and future-proofing regional public safety. Having historically hired Aboite's first full-time fire chief and worked instrumentally with county commissioners to lay the groundwork for Fire Protection Districts, his focus is on building a unified, highly advanced, and operationally seamless district.
- **Community Impact:** Merging extensive corporate sales, fiscal management, and municipal trustee experience to ensure residents receive top-tier, paramedic-level care while maintaining absolute local accountability.

### **Beyond the Badge**

Mike and his wife share a deep passion for dogs and have trained two of their personal dogs to be nationally credentialed therapy dogs. Together with their dogs, they actively serve the community by working weekly and on drill weekends with the Director of Psychological Health at the 122nd Fighter Wing. They are also active members of the PAWs program at the Fort Wayne International Airport, regularly visit local nursing homes and memory care facilities, and volunteer at Tim Tebow events for special needs children through Emmanuel Community Church, where they are members.