



Oklahoma Fire Chiefs Association Fire Chief Guidebook

This guidebook is provided by the Oklahoma Fire Chiefs Association to give fire department chief officers a handy reference tool to assist with navigating the complex world of the chief officer in Oklahoma.

Examine your current role and responsibilities. If you are a new chief officer, or have recently changed roles at the chief officer level, you likely have a lot of questions. If you have been in your position for a while, through your personal development and experience, you may find yourself dealing with issues that you did not ever think you would. Welcome to being a fire department chief officer.

If you want to survive or thrive in your role, or you are looking to improve your situation, it is necessary to establish a support network. You need to find people you can trust and rely on that will help you when you need it. Networking is one of the best ways to do this. You get to meet other people with similar interest and issues. It is a give and take process where we learn from each other. One of the best ways to do this as a fire department chief officer, is to join and participate in a chief officer organization.

Fire Chief Organizations

Oklahoma Fire Chiefs Association

http://www.osfa.info/index.cfm?zone=/unionactive/view_page.cfm&page=OFCA

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Oklahoma City Metro Fire Chiefs Association

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Green Country Fire Chiefs Association

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County Fire Chief Organizations

Many counties have formal or informal fire chief association where they meet periodically and discuss local issues. Local Rural Fire Coordinators are a good resource to identify local formal and informal associations that may exist in your county.

Southwest Division of the International Association of Fire Chiefs

<https://swd-iafc.org/>

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International Association of Fire Chiefs

<https://www.iafc.org/>
(703)272-0911

State Laws and Regulations

The more responsibility and authority that you have, the more you need to know what laws and regulations govern your position. While some people intentionally violate laws, many others do so unintentionally. While good intentions may help the final outcome, ignorance of the law is no defense. The modern world expects public servants, both paid and volunteer, to behave professionally. A good place to find current laws and regulations for the State of Oklahoma is:

The Oklahoma State Courts Network-The Electronic Law Library for Oklahoma

<http://www.oscn.net/applications/oscn/start.asp?viewType=LIBRARY>

Types of Fire Departments

Title 11- Municipal Fire Departments
Title 18- Fire Departments formed as a charitable corporation
Title 19- County Fire Department or Fire District

Legislation

Many organizations provide information regarding proposed and current legislation. You can also check bills and find your legislators online.

Bill Tracking Reports

<http://www.oklegislature.gov/AdvancedSearchForm.aspx>

LegisScan Search

<https://legiscan.com/OK>

Find My Legislator

<http://www.oklegislature.gov/FindMyLegislature.aspx>

State Agencies

Oklahoma Office of the State Fire Marshal

<http://www.ok.gov/fire/>
(405)522-5005

Robert Doke, State Fire Marshal
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Oklahoma State University- Fire Service Training

<https://www.osufst.org/>
(405)744-5727

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Oklahoma Department of Labor-PEOSH

[https://www.ok.gov/odol/Workplace Safety & Health/Public Safety & Health \(PEOSH\)/index.html](https://www.ok.gov/odol/Workplace_Safety_&_Health/Public_Safety_&_Health_(PEOSH)/index.html)
(405)521-6277

Oklahoma Office of Homeland Security

<http://www.ok.gov/homeland/>
(405)425-7295
info@okohs.ok.gov

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Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management

<http://www.ok.gov/oem/>
(405)521-4053

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Oklahoma Firefighters Pension & Retirement System

<http://www.ok.gov/fprs/>
(405)522-4600

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Oklahoma State Department of Health-Emergency Systems-EMS

[http://www.ok.gov/health/Protective Health/Emergency Systems/EMS Division/index.html](http://www.ok.gov/health/Protective_Health/Emergency_Systems/EMS_Division/index.html)

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Oklahoma Insurance Department –ISO Program

[https://www.ok.gov/oid/ISO Ratings.html](https://www.ok.gov/oid/ISO_Ratings.html)
(405)522-2404

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Oklahoma Forestry Services

<http://www.forestry.ok.gov/>
(405)522-6158

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Oklahoma Rural Fire Coordinators

<http://oarcok.org/rural-fire/>

Oklahoma Workers' Compensation Commission

<http://www.ok.gov/wcc/>
(405)522-3222 OKC
(918)295-3732 Tulsa

Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality

<http://www.deq.state.ok.us/>
(405)702-0100

The Public Employees Relations Board (PERB)

Inactive/Unfunded July 1, 2017.

Incident Resource Hotline

1-800-800-2481

Additional Resources

National Agencies or Organizations

US Fire Administration
<http://www.usfa.fema.gov/>
1-800-238-3358

National Fire Protection Association
<http://www.nfpa.org/>
1-800-344-3555

Center for Public Safety Excellence (CPSE)
<http://www.publicsafetyexcellence.org/>
(703)691-0113

The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH)
<http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/>
1-800-232-4636



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National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC)

<http://www.nvfc.org/>

1-888-275-6832

State Organizations

Fire Marshal's Association of Oklahoma (FMAO)

<http://fmao.org/>

info@fmao.org

Fire Service Instructors of Oklahoma (FSIO)

<http://www.fsio.org/>

Oklahoma State Firefighters Association (OSFA)

<http://www.osfa.info/>

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Oklahoma Retired Firefighters Association (ORFA)

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