

WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION OF FIREFIGHTERS

Application for Board of Directors Position

(ie, WNCAFF, NCAFC, NCSFA & others)

Name of Applicant:

Ryan Cole

Name of Department:

Skyland Fire & Rescue

County:

Buncombe

Position applying for:

WNCAFF Representative to NCSFA

Number of Years in Fire Service:

20 Years

Positions Held:

**Deputy Chief
Battalion Chief Training
Battalion Chief Operations
Division Chief of Training & Prevention
Captain
Firefighter
Part Time & Volunteer Firefighter
Fire Service Continuing Education Coordinator
Part Time Wildland Firefighter**

Number of Years in each Position:

2008-Present	Skyland Fire Department	Deputy Chief
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2004-2007	Skyland Fire Department	Battalion Chief Operations
2000-2004	Skyland Fire Department	Division Chief of Training & Prevention
1997-2000	Skyland Fire Department	Captain
1994-1997	Skyland Fire Department	Firefighter

1990-1995 Reems Creek Fire Department Part Time & Volunteer Firefighter
2005-Present A-B Technical College Fire Service Coordinator
1990-1998 North Carolina Forest Service Part Time Wildland Firefighter

WNCAFF Positions Held:

2nd Vice President
1st Vice President
President

Other Assoc. Positions Held:

- Western North Carolina Fire & Life Safety Educators (Secretary 2000-2002)
- Western North Carolina Fire & Life Safety Educators (Vice Chair 2003-2005)
- Western North Carolina Fire & Life Safety Educators (Chairman 2005-2006)
- Western North Carolina Safe Kids
- Buncombe County Fire Investigations Support Team
- North Carolina Association of Rescue & EMS
- North Carolina State Firemans Association
- International Society of Fire Service Instructors
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- Institution of Fire Engineers
- Everyone Goes Home (State Advocate)

Education:

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Certifications:

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- 2001 Emergency Rescue Technician
- 2002 Instructor Qualification Fire & Life Safety Education III
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- 2002 Incident Command 200 & 300

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- 2002 Child Passenger Safety Technician
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Commission on Fire Accreditation

- Standards of Cover Workshop
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Commission on Professional Credentialing

- 2008 Chief Fire Officer Designation

The Institution of Fire Engineers

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Special Recognition / Awards:

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January 2006 Unit Citation Class B Skyland Fire Department: Chief Dennis Presley

January 2008 Unit Citation Class A Skyland Fire Department: Chief Dennis Presley

Civic/Community Organizations Candidate Belongs To/Participates With:

**Victory Baptist Church
Biltmore Masonic Lodge
Oasis / Land O Sky Shrine Club**

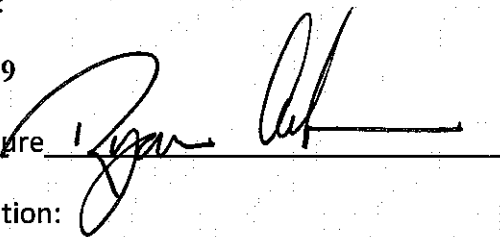
Why do you feel you are the best Candidate for this position:

My career objective since my first resume has been "to make a difference in the fire service on a local, state, and national level which will be of benefit to the health and safety of firefighters and the public through education and leadership". This has been my outlook in everything I have done in the fire service as I always look to how I can leave it better than I found it. I feel that we should not only exist but we should always seek to make a difference whether it be formally or informally, so the future of the fire service will contain the traditions of the past with the improvements yet to come. My personal outlook for the position is that it must first serve the needs of the WNCFAFF as that is who selects the individual, secondly the position should ensure the stable and constant future of the entire fire service in North Carolina through relationships, partnerships, and leadership. Everyone has a specific area in the fire service which they have a passion for and mine is firefighter safety. Many people seek a position on a board for a personal reason or passion, my passion would be to first; ensure the WNCFAFF prosper and remain the strongest region in the state, secondly; ensure the fire service thrive through current and future programs of the NCSFA, and lastly; that firefighter safety be of top priority in the fire service in North Carolina. Through my experience with the WNCFAFF, WNCFLSE, NCFLSEC, NCSFA, NCAFC and Skyland Fire Rescue I would honorably represent the WNCFAFF as a reliable representative and a progressive leader if I am selected.

Date Submitted:

October 28, 2009

Applicant Signature



Contact Information:

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rcole@skylandfire.com

Additional information, documents, letters, etc. may be submitted with this application. The person applying must be a current member of a Department and their Department must be a current member of the WNCFAFF and a current member of the Association they are applying for.

Send the Application to the Following:

Jimmy Hensley, Coordinator
Cleveland Community College
Brown Emergency Training Center
137 South Post Road
Shelby, NC 28152
(704) 484-6656 (voice)
(704) 669-2506 (fax)
hensley@clevelandcommunitycollege.edu

Applications must be submitted no later than January 15, 2010.

RYAN COLE

OBJECTIVE

My career objective is to make a difference in the fire service on a local, state, and national level which will be of benefit to the health and safety of firefighters and the public through education and leadership.

EXPERIENCE

2008-Present Skyland Fire Department Skyland, NC

Deputy Chief

- Manage administration and operations of the department under the direction of the Chief.
- Manage the budget insuring responsible accountability for budgets and expenditures.
- Manage facilities and capital improvements of Skyland Fire Department.
- Supervise three Battalion Chiefs which each manage a shift of 13 personnel in three stations.
- Manage the part time employee and membership programs.
- Supervise a Division Chief which manages training, public education and safety division of Skyland Fire Department.

2007-2008 Skyland Fire Department Skyland, NC

Battalion Chief Training

- Coordinate & deliver Fire Rescue and EMS training programs which have the most need and are most beneficial to the members of Skyland Fire Department.
- Manage one third of the budget insuring responsible accountability for budgets and expenditures.
- Manage, create & update promotional exams and pay studies for employees of Skyland Fire Department.
- Manage the fire & life safety efforts to reduce death and injuries in the Skyland Fire District.
- Manage the part time employee and membership programs.
- Manage the safety program for Skyland Fire Department.
- Manage the information technologies and the NCDOI Rating for Skyland Fire Department
- Function in command staff positions as needed

2004-2007 Skyland Fire Department Skyland, NC

Battalion Chief Operations

- Manage nine personnel on a 24hr shift 10 days per month
- Manage three stations during each shift
- Manage EMS training through oversight and coordination of the continuing education program
- Manage one quarter of the budget insuring responsible accountability for budget expenditures
- Manage operational programs including oversight of functional, facility equipment and facility programs
- Manage minor to major hazards or disasters which may endanger citizens of the Skyland Fire District
- Manage the information technologies and rating programs effecting the operation of Skyland Fire Department
- Function as incident commander for all incidents during designated shift
- Function in command staff position as needed during disasters

2000-2004 Skyland Fire Department Skyland, NC

Division Chief of Training & Prevention

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1997-2000 Skyland Fire Department Skyland, NC

Captain

- Mitigated emergencies ranging from fires to rescue to ems.
- Supervised an engine company in incident management functions.
- Managed multiple administrative areas of the department.
- Functioned as the shift manager in the absence of the Battalion Chief.

1994-1997 Skyland Fire Department Skyland, NC
Firefighter

- Mitigated emergencies ranging from fires to rescue to ems.
- Assitant Supervisor to act in the absence of the captain.
- Drive and operate apparatus to, from and on emergencies
- Hazardous materials officer, reimplementing the hazardous materials program at Skyland Fire Department.
- Fire & Life Safety officer, reimplementing the fire & life safety education efforts in Skyland fire district.

1990-1995 Reems Creek Fire Department Weaverville, NC
Part Time & Volunteer Firefighter

- Mitigated emergencies ranging from fires to rescue to ems.
- Work at two stations as a single firefighter.
- Drive and operate apparatus to, from and on emergencies
- Establish and initiate incident command.

2005-Present Asheville-Buncombe Technical College Asheville, NC
Fire Service Continuing Education Coordinator

- Manage Continuing Education Classes for Buncombe & Madison County .
- Supervise approximately 150 instructors through courses taught
- Development and Management of NCOSFM Delivery Agency.
- Manage large conferences held through ABTCC.

1990-1998 North Carolina Forest Service Asheville, NC
Part Time Wildland Firefighter

- Mitigated wildland fires occurring in Buncombe County .
- Function as a crew leader as needed.

1996-2000 Memorial Mission Health Care System Asheville, NC
Part Time EMT-Intermediate

- Provide care to patients being transferred through facilities.
- Assist paramedic in critical care as needed.

1994-Present Adjunct Instruction Skyland, NC
Instructor

- Teach curriculum Fire Protection Technology AAS. Classes.
- Teach continuing education fire, rescue and ems classes for Ashville Buncombe Technical Community College.
- Teach continuing education fire, rescue and ems classes for Haywood

Community College.

- Teach continuing education fire, rescue and ems classes for Isothermal Community College.
- Teach continuing education fire, rescue and ems classes for McDowell Community College.

1999-Present Fire Programs Software Inglis, FL
Independent Representative

- Coordinate and teach training programs on fire service software.
- Sale and setup software for fire departments.
- Coordinate state software programs with state firemarshals.

1996-1999 Action Fire & Safety Charlotte, NC
Sales Representative

- Meet with and determine needs of equipment for fire departments.
- Generate quotes and sales of fire equipment.
- Train fire departments on equipment purchased.

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- Western North Carolina Association of Firefighters (Second Vice President 2007)
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SPEAKING & TEACHING ENGAGEMENTS

- 1998 Instructor North Carolina State Fire College
- 1999 Instructor North Carolina Fire & Life Safety Conference
- 2000 Instructor North Carolina Fire & Life Safety Conference
- 2000 Speaker North Carolina Instructors Conference
- 2000 Instructor North Carolina State Fire College
- 2001 Instructor North Carolina Fire & Life Safety Conference
- 2001 Speaker Mid Atlantic Association of State Fire Commissioners
- 2001 Speaker North Carolina Firemans/Chiefs Conference
- 2002 Instructor North Carolina Fire & Life Safety Conference
- 2002 Speaker International Society of Fire Service Instructors Conference
- 2002 Speaker North Carolina Firemans/Chiefs Conference
- 2003 North Carolina Fire & Life Safety Conference
- 2003 North Carolina Instructors Conference
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January 2008 Chiefs Commendation Skyland Fire Department: Chief Dennis Presley

February 2008 Making a Difference: WNC Safe Kids Victoria Whitlatch
