

Fire



Gregory Grayson
Fire Chief

Education

MPA, Western Carolina University

BS in Education, North Carolina State University

AS in Fire Protection Technology, Durham Technical Community College

Executive Fire Officer candidate, National Fire Academy

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Career Highlights

City of Greensboro

- Fire Chief, Fire Department, 2009 -present

City of Asheville

- Fire and Rescue Chief, 2000-2009

City of Burlington

- Fire Chief, 1998-2000

Wake County

- Fire/Rescue Director, 1995-1998
- County Fire Marshal, 1994-1995
- Deputy Fire Marshal, 1990-1994

Town of Cary

- Lieutenant-Fire Risk Inspector, 1988-1990

North Carolina State University

- Life Safety Inspector, 1984-1988

Polkville Fire Department

- Firefighter, 1982-1984

Durham Technical Community College & Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College

- Adjunct Fire Protection Instructor, 1988-2000 and 2006-Present

Significant Accomplishments

- Led, managed, directed and supervised a municipal fire and emergency services department that consisted of 240 firefighters, 16 fire companies and 11 fire stations.
- Developed and maintained an ongoing capital improvement plan for municipal emergency services, totaling more than \$15 million over seven years. The plan included construction of two new fire stations, renovations of three stations and the acquisition of several fire and support vehicles.
- Prepared and administered an annual operating budget exceeding \$17 million.
- Formed a number of private and public partnerships in the Asheville area with business leaders to promote the fire department and enhance its community relations.

Professional Organizations and Memberships

- President, Buncombe County Fire Chief's Association, 2008-2009
- Executive Board of Directors, American Red Cross-Asheville Chapter, 2001-2007
- Board of Directors, United Way of Asheville Buncombe County 2-1-1 Center of Western North Carolina
- Principal and Alternate Member representing National League of Cities, National Fire Protection Association

Awards and Recognition

- Recognized as the City of Asheville's "Executive Manager of the Year" in 2008
- Earned Chief Fire Officer designation; third fire chief in the state to receive this designation
- Awarded NC Advanced Firefighter Certificate by NC State Firemen's Association; first recipient of the state-wide recognition
- Received national recognition for superior emergency response to the crash of American Eagle flight 3379 in Wake County
- Served under 11 presidential emergency declarations

