

## **Stephen (Steve) Ashbrock**

Steve Ashbrock serves as the Fire Chief of the Madeira & Indian Hill Joint Fire Department in Cincinnati, Ohio. His fire service career began at the Reading Fire Department in 1978 as a firefighter-paramedic. Chief Ashbrock was promoted to Lieutenant in 1984 and served as Chief of the Department from 1994–1999, leaving to take the Chief's position with Madeira & Indian Hill Joint Fire District.

He graduated from the University of Cincinnati (UC) in 1974 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree; his major course of study was political science with a minor in psychology. In 1998, he received his Master's in Public Administration Degree from UC; his elective courses included the fire service management areas.

Steve is an adjunct faculty member of the University of Cincinnati College of Applied Science, teaching in the fire science degree program.

Chief Ashbrock is a graduate of the National Fire Academy's Executive Fire Officer (EFO) Program, is a nationally certified paramedic, and holds Ohio Fire Safety Inspector and Ohio Instructor certificates. He has authored many publications over the past several years.

Steve is a member of the Board of Directors of the International Fire Service Training Association (IFSTA). He has served on the following IFSTA Manual Committees: Essentials of Fire Fighting Committee for the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Editions, the Fire Department Safety Officer Manual, Principals of Firefighting Foam Manual and Chief Officer Manual.

Chief Ashbrock is the task force leader for Hamilton County Urban Search & Rescue Task Force, a regional technical rescue response team and model for regional development of technical rescue capabilities for the state of Ohio. Ashbrock chairs the curriculum committee for the Ohio Fire Executive leadership development program, a program nationally recognized by the IAFC's Award for Excellence in 2005.