

ABOUT CHIEF RON KANTERMAN

Ron Kanterman entered the fire service in 1975 in Brooklyn, New York. In 1980, he was assigned to the FDNY Fire Prevention Bureau where he served as an Inspector, Senior Inspector, Supervising Inspector, Deputy Chief Inspector and Assistant Chief Inspector. He commanded the FDNY Fireworks Unit and the Manhattan Suppression Systems Unit for 6 years. In 1989, he took a position as the Assistant Chief of Fire Protection for a Fortune 100 company, in New Jersey and was promoted to Chief of Emergency Services in 1994.

He holds a BA in Fire Service Administration and a MS in Fire Protection Management, both from John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York City. He also holds a Master's Degree in Environmental Science from the New Jersey Institute of Technology. Chief Kanterman is an adjunct professor of Fire Science at Middlesex County College in Edison, N.J. and the John Jay College Graduate Program of Protection Management.

He is a past President of the Union County Fire Chief's Association, the N.J. Society of Fire Service Instructors and the Linden Industrial Mutual Aid Council. Chief Kanterman holds memberships with the NFPA, IAFC (sits on the Haz-Mat committee), SFPE and is a nationally Certified Fire Protection Specialist. He is also on the Executive Leadership Team and is the Administrator for the National Fire Academy Alumni Association and is an Adjunct Instructor for the National Fire Academy.

He has published numerous articles in periodicals such as Industrial Fire Safety and Fire Engineering where he is listed as a member of the Editorial Advisory Board. He also writes for Fireengineering.com and sits on the Educational Advisory Committee for the Fire Department Instructor's Conference (FDIC, FDIC WEST & FDIC EAST). Chief Kanterman is a volunteer Call Force firefighter in, and the OEM Coordinator for, the Borough of North Plainfield (NJ).