

**APPLICATION TO SERVE ON APPOINTED BOARDS
COMMITTEES OR COMMISSIONS**

BOARD: Child Fatality Prevention Team (EMS / Fire Vacancy)

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TOWNSHIP: Sandy Ridge YEARS IN UNION COUNTY 4.5

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EDUCATION:

List Schools, dates attended, Degrees obtained

Wheaton Central High School - Wheaton, IL 60187 (1985-1989)

University of Maryland Baltimore County - Baltimore, MD 21250
Bachelor of Science - Emergency Medical Services Administration
1994-1998

The George Washington University - Washington, DC 20052
Master of Science - Emergency Medical Services Leadership
2014-2016

OCCUPATION:

Past 3 and current employers and positions held

Current
Union EMS - Deputy Chief of Operations (September 2024-Present)

Previous
Methodist LeBonheur Health System - Interim Critical Care Transport Program Director (Mar-Sept 2024)

Atrium Health Mobile Medicine / MedCenter Air - Director (January 2020-January 2024)

Putnam County Emergency Medical Services - Chief (December 2014 - January 2020)

Please list civic and fraternal organizations in which you participate in Union County.

None

Please explain your interest in serving on the above named board:

This is a committee which has profound impact potential by learning from the devastating events of the past and crafting interventions through education, programs, engineered safeguards, and public/private partnerships to lower childhood mortality.

I have been involved with urban, suburban, and rural emergency agencies for more than three decades and have a wide palette of exposures to these events, the ripple effects, and the lasting consequences of child fatalities on families, first responders, and the public. I have also been fortunate enough to see these same groups band together to raise awareness, advocate for prevention through regulation / oversight, and offer achievable and sustainable solutions based upon verifiable data.

I've also been part of more reviews and post-incident debriefs of child fatalities than I care to remember. Mine is one perspective among many first responders (please see below).

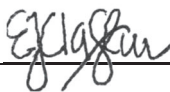
Any other comments:

My perspective is informed from the standpoint I have experienced nearly the total gamut of child fatalities. I have worked as a paramedic, a flight paramedic, an organ procurement coordinator, and earlier this year, I spent six months as the director of Pedi-Flite - the transport program of Le Bonheur Children's Hospital in Memphis, TN. During my time - especially within organ procurement and at Pedi-Flite - I was able to view a retrospective picture of how children slip through the cracks more often than we would care to acknowledge. My exposures in particular to unintentional ingestion, homicide by firearm or accidental discharge, and parent/caregiver omission or abuse have reinforced a desire to be active in a manner which can make a measurable difference.

Have you ever been convicted of a felony? No

Date: 23 December 2024

Signature: _____



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