

# Wisconsin State Fire Chiefs Association

## State 2020 WSFCA Elections

### **SERGEANT AT ARMS CANDIDATES**



#### **Chief Nate Melby, *Town of Campbell Fire Department***

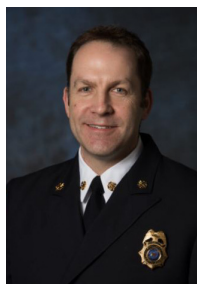
Nathaniel J. Melby is the Fire Chief of the Town of Campbell Fire Department, Past President of the Wisconsin State Fire Chiefs Association, and President of the La Crosse County Fire Officers Association (MABAS Division 134). A 23-year veteran of CFD, Chief Melby has been the Fire Chief since 2009. He was awarded the Chief Fire Officer (CFO) Designation from the Center for Public Safety Excellence in 2011. He works full-time in business as the Chief Information Officer for Dairyland Power, and has taught as a business faculty member for several universities at undergraduate and graduate levels in the areas of Information Security, Risk Management, Management Science, and Technology. His writing has been featured in many fire service publications including Fire Rescue Magazine, Fire Engineering, Firefighter Nation, and Wisconsin Fire Chief Magazine. He has also been published

in several international journals, conferences, and magazines. Chief Melby has a B.S. from the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, an MBA from the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, and a Ph.D. in Information Systems from Nova Southeastern University's College of Engineering and Computing.

When asked why he was interested in serving as WSFCA's Sergeant-at-Arms, Chief Melby replied, "I have been proud to serve our membership on the WSFCA board in various roles, most recently as Immediate Past-President. I would like to continue serving on the board as the Sergeant-at-Arms and help assist the organization through this challenging time, as we respond to the challenges of a pandemic and the impacts on our association, and work through the transition of management companies.

I also recently learned that our efforts toward legislation in support of Volunteer Fire and EMS Service Awards, which was scheduled for a vote of the State Senate, may have been impacted by the pandemic and the adjournment of the Senate. I strongly believe that this legislation is important for the volunteers in our state, I would like to continue helping WSFCA champion these efforts. I believe that in order to make a difference, you have to engage and be involved.

WSFCA is a great organization and I would like to contribute where I can to help keep it on stable footing for the future. I have greatly appreciated all of the support of our members through the years, and it is with this sincere appreciation that I'm expressing this interest. Thank you for considering my nomination for this position."



#### **Chief Joe Pulvermacher, *City of Fitchburg Fire Department***

Joe Pulvermacher is the Fire Chief and Emergency Management Director for the City of Fitchburg (WI). Chief Pulvermacher is proud of his 30 year history in the fire service. In 1988, he started as a volunteer firefighter for the Village of Butler (WI). In 1990, he enlisted as a Fire Protection Specialist in the United States Air Force. Later, he became a career firefighter with the City of Oak Creek (WI) where he, ultimately, became the Training Chief. In 2016, Chief Pulvermacher was sworn in as Fitchburg's Fire Chief.

Currently, Chief Pulvermacher is a Director in the IAFC's Executive Fire Officer Section (representing the Great Lakes Division), he is the President for the Dane County Fire Chiefs Association, he has served as a representative on the Professional Firefighters of Wisconsin Charitable Foundation's Alliance for Fire Safety (representing the WSFCA), and he is involved in the Madison Area Safe Kids Coalition.

In 2014, Chief Pulvermacher graduated from the National Fire Academy's Executive Fire Officer Program. He holds his Bachelor of Science in Fire Service Management from Southern Illinois University and received his Associate Degree in Fire Science from Milwaukee Area Technical College. At present, Chief Pulvermacher is perusing his master's degree through the Naval Postgraduate School's Center for Defense and Homeland Security.

Chief Pulvermacher is personally and professionally involved in strengthening the fire service's response to current-day threats by instituting novel approaches and positively influence our dynamic work environment. Further, he is dedicated to improving response to firefighter post-traumatic stress and critical incident stress events. He sees the need to continually evaluate training requirements in order to address a constantly changing profession (affected generationally by a regularly changing workforce) and is motivated through progressive impacts in work force development, succession planning, and organizational ownership.

When asked why he was interested in serving as WSFCA's Sergeant-at-Arms, Chief Pulvermacher replied, "I have been the beneficiary of those who have shaped Wisconsin's fire service. I understand the value of investing time and effort into an organization that continues to influence the professionalism of our industry. I want to actively contribute to the continuation of progress. As WSFCA's Sergeant-at-Arms, I hope that I can serve in ways that resemble WSFCA's proud history and promising future."

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### 2<sup>ND</sup> VICE PRESIDENT NOMINATION



#### **Chief Michael Stanley, Oshkosh Fire Department**

Mike Stanley is the Fire Chief for the Oshkosh (WI). In 1993, he enrolled in an EMT-Basic course and for Fire Science Technology courses. In 1996, he became a career firefighter with the City of Aurora (CO) where he, ultimately, became the Emergency Medical Services Commander. In 2018, Chief Stanley was sworn in as Oshkosh's Fire Chief.

Currently, Chief Stanley is a member of the International Association of Fire Chiefs, the Wisconsin State Fire Chiefs Association, and the Winnebago County Fire Chiefs Association. He is also on the Board of Directors for the Oshkosh Area United Way.

In 2010, Chief Stanley graduated from Colorado State University with a Master of Education and Human Resources degree. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Organizational Leadership for Emergency Services from Charter Oak State College and received his Associate Degrees in Fire Science Technology and Paramedicine. Chief Stanley also possesses the Chief Fire Officer designation from the Center for Public Safety Excellence.

Chief Stanley has a love for the fire service. He constantly and consistently seeks opportunities to advance our profession and our passion. Chief Stanley strives to ensure that our firefighters return home from the station happy and healthy and have retirements that last long past when they leave our departments. Together we can work to create a culture of service, professionalism, and safety.

When asked why he was interested in serving as WSFCA's 2nd Vice President Position, Chief Stanley replied, "When we work together, we can solve almost any problem. The Fire Chiefs in Wisconsin need a united voice, a strong voice, to drive change. I would never have attained my position of Fire Chief without the coaching, mentoring, and development from so many great leaders. I believe it's my turn to give something back and to contribute out of respect for them. I think I can begin doing that by serving as the 2nd Vice President with the Wisconsin State Fire Chiefs Association."