

Jeff Buchanan

Deputy Chief Clark County Fire Department

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Jeff Buchanan is a Deputy Fire Chief for the Clark County Fire Department (CCFD) and has responsibility for the oversight of support services which includes IT, life support, mechanics, communications, and the warehouse. His first leadership roles began in 1997 in the casino hotel industry where he led staffs ranging from 80 to 200 personnel and managed budgets reaching 30 million dollars. In 2001, Jeff transitioned to a full-time career in public service with the North Las Vegas Fire Department (NLVFD). While at the City of North Las Vegas, Jeff served in the classifications of firefighter, paramedic, tactical medic, EMS captain, training captain, fire captain, and assistant fire chief. In 2013, Jeff was appointed as the fire chief for the NLVFD, and 7 months later accepted a dual role and was named the interim city manager. As the interim city manager of North Las Vegas, Jeff and his team were instrumental in eliminating an 18 million dollar deficit and settling a lawsuit with the labor groups that saved the city over 30 million dollars. Through collaboration, creative problem solving, and a sound plan, these successes were accomplished while maintaining service levels. Jeff has had responsibility of budgets in the public sector ranging from 32 million to 432 million dollars. In addition to his duties as Deputy Fire Chief at the CCFD, he is currently part of Nevada Task Force 1 and a parttime instructor at the College of Southern Nevada, Neumann University, and the University of Nevada Las Vegas where he teaches in the graduate college. He is an EFO (executive fire officer) graduate, holds the Chief Fire Officer (CFO) designation, and has developed and instructed curriculum at the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Maryland. Jeff is also a graduate of the Metro Chamber of Commerce Leadership program and both taught and participated in numerous other classes and programs on leadership. Jeff is a published author, has a Bachelor of Science, a Master of Business Administration, and a Master of Public Administration. He currently sits on the Governor appointed Nevada State Board of Fire Services and is a past board of directors' member for Easter Seals of Nevada.