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Richard T. Haase, CFO, CFPS, CEM
Appointed to the Commission on Professional Credentialing



The Center for Public Safety Excellence (CPSE) Board of Directors appoints Richard T. Haase to serve as the Volunteer Emergency Services Department Representative to the Commission on Professional Credentialing.

Chief Haase is the Emergency Response / Security Team Leader and Fire Chief for the ConocoPhillips Wood River Refinery in Roxana, IL. He has worked at the refinery since 1985 years and has served as the fire chief since 1991. Chief Haase also served as the volunteer chief for the Staunton Fire Protection District, Staunton, IL since 1996 and has been a member of the department since 1983.

Chief Haase holds associate degrees in industrial electronics and fire science technology from Lewis and Clark Community College and a bachelor's degree in advanced fire administration from Western Illinois University. Rick was awarded Chief Fire Officer (CFO) designation on February 22, 2003. He holds numerous state/national fire service, EMS, and safety certifications. Chief Haase is a field staff instructor with the University of Illinois Fire Service Institute and an instructor and member of the fire science advisory board of Lewis and Clark Community College.

Chief Haase serves as the chairman of the IAFC Industrial Fire and Safety Section, as a member of the NFPA Industrial Fire Protection Section board of directors, and chairman of the MABAS 35 / Madison County Fire Chiefs Association. He also participates in numerous other local, regional, state and national emergency response organizations.

Chief Haase was honored as the 2001 Illinois Volunteer Fire Chief of the Year and as the 2004 Fire Chief Magazine National Volunteer Fire Chief of Year.