

Executive Director

Steve Flaherty is the Executive Director of the Minnesota Board of Fire Training and Education (MBFTE). Steve has been a member of the Minnesota Fire Service since joining the Grand Rapids Fire Department as a paid on-call firefighter in 1993. In his 21 years of firefighting at GRFD, he served 6 ½ years as the Hazmat Officer for their Chemical Assessment Team; one year as Captain; three years as 1st Assistant Chief; and the last six years of his career as Chief of the department prior to his retirement in March of 2014. Chief Flaherty (ret.) holds an A.A.S. degree in Fire Technology and Administration from Lake Superior College, and he is an adjunct fire instructor for both the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Maryland and the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system. He is a licensed firefighter in Minnesota (#3012) and holds IFSAC and Pro Board certifications as Firefighter 2, Fire Officer 1, Hazmat Technician, Fire Investigator 1 and Fire Instructor 1.

Prior to becoming the Executive Director of the MBFTE, Steve worked full time as the Fire Program Manager for Mesabi Range College (Advanced Minnesota) in Virginia, MN for 8 ½ years, providing customized training for the fire departments located in the Arrowhead Region of Minnesota.

Steve has served on the Board of Directors for the Minnesota State Fire Chiefs Association; as District Chair for the Minnesota Chapter of Int'l Association of Arson Investigators; as a charter member of the Fire Instructors and Training Officers of Minnesota; as a charter member and President of the Itasca County Fire Investigation Team; and as an Executive Board member of the Arrowhead Regional Firefighters Association.

Steve.Flaherty@state.mn.us

Office: (651) 201-7258

Mobile: (651) 248-8726