

Otto Drozd III Bio

Otto Drozd III has been Fire Chief of the Orange County Fire Rescue Department FL. since 2012. He began his fire service career in 1986 with the Hialeah Fire Department FL. being appointed to Fire Chief in 2001. In 2009 he began serving as Fire Chief for the El Paso Fire Department prior to returning to Florida.

He holds a bachelor's degree in Public Management from Florida Atlantic University (Magna Cum Laude) and a Master's Degree in Public Management from St. Thomas University. Chief Drozd is a 2006 graduate of the Executive Fire Officer Program at the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, MD, was awarded a 2010 Fire Service Fellowship to attend Harvard University's Kennedy School, and was awarded a Chief Fire Officer Designation from the Commission on Professional Credentialing in 2008. Chief Drozd is a frequent speaker and has recently presented at NFPA Expo, Fire Rescue International, Firehouse Expo, Fire Rescue East, Indian Fire Conference, Congressional Fire Services Institute, Metropolitan Fire Chiefs Conference and at local events.

He is active at the Local, State, and National Levels serving in leadership positions. Chief Drozd is the President of the IAFC/NFPA Metropolitan Fire Chiefs Association, IAFC 2nd VP and Past President of the Florida Fire Chiefs Association. He was the proposer of NFPA 3000 and serves on the technical committee. He served on the IAFC's EMS Reimbursement and Unmanned Aerial System Task Force and is a member of the EFO Section.