



Randal E. Novak, Bureau Chief



Randy Novak is the Bureau Chief of the Iowa Fire Service Training Bureau, serving since 2001. The Bureau is part of the Division of State Fire Marshal, Iowa Department of Public Safety. In his role as Bureau Chief, Randy serves as the administrator of the state fire training system in Iowa. He previously worked at state fire training systems in Oklahoma, Maryland, and Illinois. He also taught in a fire-related academic program in Kentucky. His fire service career started in upstate New York in 1975. He has both volunteer and career fire service experience.

Randy holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Urban Studies-Fire Science from the University of Maryland, and a Master of Education degree in Vocational-Technical Education from the University of Illinois. He has also completed advanced graduate level work in Vocational Education from the University of Kentucky.

Randy currently serves on several national committees with various professional associations, including the National Fire Protection Association, the International Fire Service Training Association, and the North American Fire Training Directors. Randy serves on the Board of Directors for the North American Fire Training Directors (NAFTD), and represents this group on the Rural Domestic Preparedness Consortium's Advisory Board. Randy also serves on the Board of Visitors for the National Fire Academy. In his role as Bureau Chief, Randy also serves on a variety of state level fire and emergency response committees.