

# Bruce J. Donus

“Good Firefighters will know their job. GREAT Firefighters will also know the job of the person above them, as well as teach their job to the person below them.” **Bob Muszynski, Chief, Chicago Ridge Fire Department**

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## DECORATED CAREER FIRE FIGHTER & INSTRUCTOR TARGET ROLE → PROFESSOR IN FIRE SCIENCE AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

20 year veteran with hybrid background of providing front line fire safety in the community, in combination with instruction within venues that provide fire service education and certification programs. Sought-out leader with a deep passion for passing on pride, honor, tradition, respect, and responsibility that goes along with a fire fighting career.

### HONORS ► INDUSTRY & MEDIA RECOGNITIONS ► ACADEMICS

American Legion Law and Order Award

2011

Manhattan County Gold Medal of Valor

2000

Manhattan County Bronze Medal of Valor

1997 & 1998

Letter of Commendation

1998

“Fire and Rescue – Earning A Medal of Valor”

“Heroes Among Us”

“Firemen Thanked For Saving Life”

M.S., Safety, Security, and

Emergency Management

Concentration in Emergency

Management and Fire Science

Eastern Kentucky University

B.S., Fire Science

Columbia Southern University

B.S., Justice Studies

Arizona State University

“As a previous FDNY Battalion Chief/Battalion Commander I have come across many people with special leadership qualities – Bruce is one of them. It is no surprise to me that Bruce has the respect of his fellow Lieutenants in addition to the rank and file firefighters he commands.” *Former Commanding Officer – NYFD*

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

#### INSTRUCTIONAL

Adjunct Professor – Fire Science

County Community College| City, NY | 2014 – Present

CCC offers a Fire Science Program that leads to an Associate in Science Degree. Students develop a strong foundation in the liberal arts while gaining specific knowledge in fire science. With this combination of liberal arts and fire science education students are prepared for employment and to transfer to a four-year program.

Introduction to Fire Behavior ~ Fire Safety and Tactics

## **Second Deputy Chief Instructor – Specialist in Probationary Member Training**

### **Manhattan County Fire Service Academy| New York, NY | 2003 – Present**

*Manhattan County Fire Service Academy provides certification and training to all firefighters servicing the 71 regions in Manhattan County.*

Principles of Instruction ~ Essentials of Firefighting ~ Primary Firefighting

Apparatus Operator Aerial Device ~ Carbon Monoxide Response & Air Monitoring

Confined Space Awareness ~ Department Operations ~ Extinguishers ~ Fire Behavior Lab ~ Firefighter Survival

Flammable Liquids ~ Forcible Entry ~ Haz-Mat Annual Refresher ~ Haz-Mat First Responder Operations

Basic Shipboard Firefighting ~ Below Grade Fires ~ Live Burn Training ~ Vehicle Fires

## **FRONT LINE EXPERIENCE**

### **Incorporated Village of Town, Town Fire Department | Town, NY | 1995–Present**

- ✓ Promoted from Firefighter → Lieutenant during tenure.
- ✓ Prepared and managed \$6M budget.
- ✓ Led technology conversion projects for roll out of new reporting systems including response times, equipment, maintenance, building inspections, employee scheduling, and fire prevention inspection modules.
- ✓ Provide commercial/residential inspections and fire safety control for heightened security buildings including federal and state courthouses.

### **Village of Town Volunteer Fire Department| Town, NY | 1988 – 2009**

- ✓ Promoted from Firefighter → Captain → Assistant Chief → Chief during tenure.
  - Managed \$2M budget and led department of 230 fire fighters, 6 buildings, and 25 pieces of apparatus.
  - Oversaw Training, Finance, LOSAP Pension, Uniforms, Apparatus and Maintenance, and Purchasing committees.

### **Town Volunteer Fire Department | Town, NY | 2010 – Present**

- ✓ Appointed Training Officer for three consecutive years by Chief. (2011 – 2013)
  - Conduct mandatory OSHA refresher training for department.
  - Provide basic training, coaching, and mentorship to probationary firefighters in addition to senior firefighter training as requested.

## **QUALIFICATIONS & CERTIFICATIONS**

**New York State Adult Education Certificate – Job Skills Training Instructor**

**New York State Fire Officer I & II**

**New York State Code Enforcement Official (CEO)**

**FEMA Emergency Management Institute – U.S. Department of Homeland Security:**

IS-1, ICS 100, 200, 300, 400, 700, 800 – Professional Development Series

**Manhattan County Fire Service Academy:**

Aerial Operations ~ Vehicle Extrication ~ Rapid Intervention Team ~ Hazardous-Materials First Responder

**New York State Certified Armed Security Guard**

**OSHA Outreach Training Program – Prevention of health hazards in construction industry**

Construction Industry (10 hour) ~ Construction Industry/Environmental Safety (30 hour)

**EMRTC-Incident Response to Terrorist Bombings – Training for first responders on incidents involving explosives**