

# James E. Arie, MPA, CFO

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## EXPERIENCE

### **James E. Arie Consulting LLC, Skokie, IL — *President/Owner***

2020 - PRESENT

Making a difference in the development and management of local government, fire and emergency medical services by providing proactive inspiration through proven hands-on experience and vision.

### **Barrington Fire Department, Barrington, IL — *Fire Chief & Emergency Management Coordinator***

2003 - 2020

Provided leadership to a progressive suburban (northwest of Chicago) fire department, including 18 full-time cross-trained fire/medic shift personnel.

- FY 2020 operating budget of \$3.1 million.
- Municipal fire, rescue and paramedic ambulance service provided from one fire station protecting more than 10,000 within 6 square miles, with EAV of more than \$1.6 billion. Total calls for service in 2019 - 1,988. ISO rating Class 2.
- Responsible for administration, team building, labor relations in a union setting, operating and capital budget, strategic planning, disaster planning/emergency preparedness for an area that is utilized by two Class 1 railroads, posing major challenges with heavy commuter rail and hazardous materials rail traffic.
- Served as Emergency Management Coordinator. Served as Chair of the Chiefs Operations Board for CenCom (multi-fire and police agency 9-1-1 PSAP and emergency dispatch center).
- Served in all elected offices for IRMA Fire Chiefs Steering Committee (insurance risk management pool of more than 65 member fire agencies).
- Served as Northwest Community Hospital EMS System Community Advisory Board member. Served as member of MABAS (Mutual Aid Box Alarm System) Division 4 Policy Committee, MABAS Division 4 Treasurer, MABAS Division 4 POD Chief. Served as mentor and coach to numerous firefighters and fire officers throughout the region.

## AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Coaching and Mentoring  
Community Risk Assessment  
Crisis Communications  
Leadership Development  
Organizational Analysis  
Public Safety Evaluation  
(including pre-hospital evaluation)  
Public Speaking  
Risk Management  
Safety  
Special Project Consulting  
Strategic Planning  
Training

## CAREER EXPERIENCE

**43 years in the Fire Service**  
**25 years as a Chief Fire Officer**  
**30 years of safety and risk management responsibilities**  
**30 years of emergency management responsibilities**  
**33 years as an Instructor, Adjunct Faculty**

## **Frankfort Fire Protection District, Frankfort, IL — Deputy Fire Chief**

1998 - 2003

Provided administrative support to the Fire Chief and Board of Trustees in a rapidly growing, enterprising fire district.

- Served as Incident Commander at emergency scenes. Functioned as Second in Command, often served as Acting Fire Chief. Extensive application of project management skills.
- Developed and implemented programs pertaining to long range planning, maximizing resources, identifying revenue sources, developed and implemented group purchasing and cost saving measures. Successful recipient of grants from private and public sources.
- Provided oversight of safety programs within the fire district.
- Coordinated fire protection plans and joint training with surrounding fire departments.
- Provided customer focused leadership to senior staff and shift personnel.
- Served as department liaison to multi agency fire and police 9-1-1 dispatch center.
- Developed quality assurance program, monitoring and reporting system.
- Editor of fire district's semi-annual newsletter, circulation 8,000.
- Editor of "The Responder," the monthly internal newsletter.

## **New Lenox Fire Protection District, New Lenox, IL — Deputy Fire Administrator**

1995 - 1997

Provided administrative support to the Fire Chief and Board of Trustees in a rapidly growing suburban fire district.

Served as Incident Commander and Safety Officer at emergency scenes.  
Served as Acting Fire Chief.

- Developed a long range planning program to maximize resources, control costs and expand revenue sources.
- Coordinated the fire district's safety program, developed standard operating procedures and policies, coordinated fire protection plans and joint training with surrounding fire departments.
- Developed and implemented a comprehensive risk management plan.
- Established and implemented an ongoing quality assurance program, addressing response times, ambulance scene times, paramedic invasive procedures, turnaround times and patient feedback.

- Developed specifications for capital purchases (apparatus, ambulances, fire station).
- Spearheaded the development of the fire district's website, co-edited the fire district's newsletter, circulation 11,000.
- Led the development and implementation of a group purchasing plan for MABAS Division 19.
- Active with the I-355 South Suburban Corridor Council (representing four fire departments), MABAS Division 19 disaster planning, New Lenox Leadership Council, Area Fire Administrators.

**Professional Ambulance Service, Burnham City Hospital, Champaign, IL — Director**

1987 - 1994

First Director of a public, hospital-based, countywide paramedic ambulance service, including placement of paramedic ambulances in area fire stations.

- Orchestrated start-up operations, including design and implementation of the departmental infrastructure of budget, staffing, equipment, policies/procedures, dispatch and billing.
- Operational responsibility for personnel recruitment and hiring, long range planning, project management, training, team building, purchasing, disaster planning, development and enhancement of cooperative fire and police cooperative working relationships, public relations, quality assurance, as well as Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) and The Joint Commission (formerly JCAHO) regulatory compliance.

**Champaign Fire Department, Champaign, IL — Firefighter**

1979 - 1987

Responsible for fire suppression, rescue, emergency medical response, as well as special projects for administration and public education.

**Burnham City Hospital, Champaign, IL — E.R. Orderly (part-time)**

1977 - 1978

Served as part of the Emergency Department team in a regional trauma center. Support capacity duties included assisting nurses and trauma patients, performing CPR.

**Urbana Fire Department, Urbana, IL — Firefighter**

1976 - 1979

Responsible for fire suppression, rescue, emergency medical response.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

**Governors State University, University Park, IL** - Adjunct Faculty; Public Safety Administration 1995

**Illinois Fire Chiefs Educational & Research Foundation, IL**  
— Instructor; Communications, Information Management, Budget, Statistics 1995 - 2003

**Illinois Fire Service Institute, University of Illinois, Champaign, IL** — Instructor; Management level course topics include Leadership, Labor Relations, Communications, Master Planning, Team Building, Risk Management, Problem Solving, Conflict Resolution, as well as Incident Command, Hazardous Materials (HazMat Awareness, Northern IL LP Program Coordinator), Safety, Emergency Vehicle Operator. Guest presenter at regional and state conferences. Served as liaison to fire department training officers and chief officers. 1979 - 2012

**Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, Carbondale, IL**  
— Adjunct Faculty; Fire Service Management 1995 - 2000

**Joliet Junior College, Joliet, IL** — Adjunct Faculty; Fire Department Administration, Fire Prevention, Building Construction, Instructor I 1997 - 2003

**Moraine Valley Junior College, Palos Hills, IL** — Adjunct Faculty; Fire Service Management III 1997 - 2003

## EDUCATION

**Governors State University, University Park, IL** — M.A.P.A. *Public Administration* 1985 - 1987

**Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, Carbondale, IL**  
— B.S. *Fire Service Management* 1982 - 1984

**Parkland College, Champaign, IL** — A.A.S. *Fire Service Technology* 1976 - 1982

## PUBLICATIONS

**Project Name** — *Public Comment on the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials (PHMSA) Proposed Rule: Hazardous Materials Liquefied Natural Gas by Rail*

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