



CHRISTOPHER P. RILEY, MS, CFO  
FIRE CHIEF  
CITY OF PUEBLO FIRE DEPARTMENT  
PUEBLO, COLORADO

Chief Riley began his fire service career in Southern California in 1981 and worked his way through the ranks to Chief Officer. As a Chief Officer, he worked in several facets and capacities, while overseeing multiple divisions and programs.

In September 2006, he was appointed as Fire Chief with the City of Pueblo, CO. Riley serves on the Colorado State Fire Chief's Board of Directors as a Regional Representative for Colorado's South Region. In this position, he is committed to strengthening various chief organizations in the regions five counties and throughout the State.

Chief Riley earned his Masters degree in Emergency Services Administration, graduating with honors from California State University, Long Beach. He holds a Bachelor degree in Vocation Education and an Associate of Science degree in Fire Science. In 2004, Riley earned the distinguished CFO designation through the Center of Public Safety Excellence and recently received 2<sup>nd</sup> CFO designation.

In the California State Fire System, Chief Riley held numerous certifications and worked in several capacities including Chief Officer, All Hazards Incident Commander, EOC Staff, Disaster Management, Strike Team Leader, Company Officer, Fire Prevention Officer, Fire Instructor, Paramedic, and Fire Investigator.

Career highlights and program development include: United States Fire Chiefs Delegation to Russia, Professional Standards Model for the Fire Service, Fire Chief's Magazine publication, Disaster Preparedness, Homeland Security, Wellness/Fitness, Fire Chaplain, and conducting educational training and workshops at all levels.

Chief Riley's memberships include the International Association of Fire Chiefs, Colorado State Fire Chief's Association, National Fire Protection Association, and Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society. He serves on the IAFC Professional Development Committee and co-developed the Fire Chief Mentor Program (introduced at the 2006 FRI, Dallas, TX.). Other projects with the PDC include revision of NFPA 1021 and the American Fire Service Doctrine (draft).

Chief Riley is proactive in the areas of organizational excellence and professional development at all levels. In March 2007, the Pueblo Fire Department became a Registered Agency with the Commission of Fire Accreditation International through the Center of Public Safety Excellence. Reaching the distinguished accreditation status through this professional self-assessment process is a strategic initiative and goal of the Pueblo Fire Department.

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