


# BRIAN C. BONNER

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## Introduction

Over the past 29 years, I have invested tremendous effort and time into my professional career in pursuit of personal excellence. This resume is a snapshot of the education, experience, and professional involvement that has prepared me to lead the Birmingham Fire and Rescue Service to the next level. If selected, my goal as the Fire Chief would be to further develop our organization to serve the community by providing "Excellence Through Service."

## Formal Education

**2009 Executive Fire Officer Graduate                      National Fire Academy**

*One of the most proud educational accomplishments of my fire service career is the attainment of the highly regarded Executive Fire Officer designation. Beginning in 2006, I completed all four courses and respective Applied Research Projects by 2008. Project topics included the Implementation of a Rapid Intervention Team Policy; Establishment of a Cooking Fire Prevention Program in Multi-Family Dwellings; Development of a Local Type 5 Incident Management Team for the City of Homewood; and the establishment of a Formal Career Development Program for Future Fire Officers.*

**2007 Master of Science Degree                                  Jacksonville State University**

*Another highlight of my educational foundation was graduating Cum Laude with a Master of Science Degree with an emphasis on Emergency Management. This particular degree has assisted me with a number of assignments and projects over the past several years from developing Emergency Operations Plans to working with FEMA during large scale disaster responses as defined in the Stafford Act.*

**1996 Bachelor of Science Degree                              Athens State University**

*Graduated Magna Cum Laude with a major in Public Safety Administration.*

**1995 Associate of Applied Science Degree                  Jefferson State College**

*Graduated with Associate in Applied Science with a major in Fire Science.*

**1992 Certificate in EMS    University of Alabama (UAB)**

*National Registered EMT - Paramedic*

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## Professional Experience

**2017 - Present**            **Firefighter/Paramedic**  
Birmingham Fire and Rescue Service Department  
1808 7th Avenue North Birmingham, AL 35203

*Currently assigned to Fire Station #1, my role is to serve as a Firefighter/Paramedic on Rescue 1. This requires in depth knowledge of modern firefighting strategies and tactics as well as being efficient with the latest Advanced Life Support skills. In addition to the knowledge, skills, and abilities of being assigned as a first responder, I have also taken on additional responsibilities with respect to grant writing, Active911, Everbridge, and our Urban Search and Rescue Team. I also served on the ISO committee.*

**1994 – 2016**            **Battalion Chief / Shift Commander**  
Homewood Fire and Rescue Service  
2850 19<sup>th</sup> Street South Homewood, Alabama 35209.

*Served as Shift Commander for the Homewood Fire and Rescue Service assigned to A Shift. My responsibilities included daily operations for three stations and approximately 25 personnel; served as incident commander on all multi-company responses as well as multi-jurisdictional disaster responses; served as the Hazardous Materials Program Director; and served as the Emergency Medical Services Director. Other major responsibilities included overall development and management of the \$8 Million departmental budget. This oversight requires me to interact with elected leaders and representatives from the Mayor's staff on a regular basis. Prior to this assignment, I served as the Administrative Officer for the fire department which involved supervising and administering all aspects of the department's administrative division. Retired December 31, 2016*

**1993 – 2016**            **Fire Captain**  
Center Point Fire District  
2229 Center Point Parkway Birmingham, Alabama 35215

*Served as Station 1 Captain assigned to B Shift. My responsibilities included daily staffing and overall management of a fire station comprised of approximately 30 firefighters staffing an engine company, transport unit, and technical services unit. This also included management of a station budget. I routinely served as relief shift commander overseeing four stations and additional command responsibilities during multi-company responses. Additional duties included coordinator for the department's ISO evaluations. This has required me to gain an in-depth knowledge of departmental operations and responses to all incidents, including but not limited to training, equipment maintenance, communications and policy development. Additionally, I have been involved in the development of our Active911 program with respect to configuration and on-going maintenance. Retired December 31, 2016.*

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- 2004 – Present**      **Fire Officer Curriculum Instructor**  
Alabama Fire College  
2501 Phoenix Drive, Tuscaloosa, Alabama 35405
- 2008 – 2016**      **Adjunct Professor in Fire Science Program**  
Columbia Southern University  
21982 University Lane Orange Beach, Alabama 36561
- 2001 – 2004**      **Flight Paramedic**  
Alabama Lifesaver  
1557 Hawks Hill Circle Birmingham, Alabama 35234
- 1993 – 1994**      **Firefighter / Paramedic**  
Birmingham Fire and Rescue Service Department  
1808 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue North Birmingham, Alabama 35203
- 1990 – 1996**      **Firefighter / EMS Officer**  
Trussville Fire and Rescue Service  
131 Main Street Trussville, Alabama 35173

### **Professional Accomplishments, Highlights and Memberships**

Current Member of NFPA 1021 Technical Committee for Fire Officer Qualifications

2016 R. Floyd Yarborough Excellence in EMS Award  
*Birmingham Regional Emergency Medical Services System*

2015-2016 BREMSS Executive Committee  
*Birmingham Regional Emergency Medical Services System*

2014-2016 EMS Advisory Committee  
*Herzing University*

2015-2016 President Central Alabama Fire Chiefs Association

2015 Fire Service Executive Development Institute Graduate  
*International Association of Fire Chief's*

2015 SEAFC/AAFC Annual Leadership Conference Planning Committee

August 2014 Fire Instructor of the Month for the Alabama Fire College

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2012 Technical Review for Fundamentals of Firefighter Skills (3<sup>rd</sup> Ed.)  
*Jones and Bartlett Publishing*

2010 Certified Local Emergency Manager (CLEM)  
*Alabama Emergency Management Agency*

2009-2010 IAFC Officer Development Program Task Force for the Fire Rescue  
International Company and Chief Officer Leadership Symposium  
*International Association of Fire Chiefs*

2009 Technical Review for Advanced Fire Administration book by Randy Bruegman  
*Brady Publishing*

2007-2009 Co-Chair for IAFC Liaison Committee for Alabama NENA  
*Alabama Chapter of the National Emergency Number Association*

2007-2009 Alabama Telecommunicator Emergency Response Team Training  
Coordinator  
*National Joint TERT Initiative through NENA and APCO*

2007-2008 Fire Officer III/IV Curriculum Advisory Committee - Chairman  
*Alabama Fire College*

2007 Committee Chair for the Record Retention Committee for Alabama NENA  
*Alabama Chapter of the National Emergency Number Association*

2007 R. Floyd Yarborough Excellence in EMS Award  
*Birmingham Regional Emergency Medical Services System*

1992 Emergency Medical Technician of the Year  
*Trussville Fire and Rescue Service*

1991 National Registered Paramedic  
*University of Alabama Birmingham*

Member of the International Association of Fire Chiefs  
Member of the Southeastern Association of Fire Chiefs Division of IAFC  
Member of the Alabama Association of Fire Chiefs  
Member of the Central Alabama Fire Chiefs Association  
Member of the National Fire Protection Association

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### References

Mayor Scott McBrayer – City of Homewood  
2850 19<sup>th</sup> Street South, Homewood, AL 35209

Mr. J.J. Bischoff - Chief of Staff for the City of Homewood  
2850 19<sup>th</sup> Street South, Homewood, AL 35209

Fire Chief John Bresnan - Homewood Fire and Rescue Service  
2850 19<sup>th</sup> Street South, Homewood, AL 35209

Fire Chief Eugene Coleman - Center Point Fire District  
2229 Center Point Parkway, Birmingham, AL 35215

Mr. Donnie West - Executive Director Jefferson County 911  
2659 Center Point Parkway Birmingham, AL 35215

Mr. Allan Rice - City Administrator Hoover, Alabama  
100 Municipal Lane Hoover, AL 35216

Mr. Matt Russell - Executive Director Alabama Fire College  
2501 Phoenix Drive, Tuscaloosa AL