

RETIRED CHIEF R. SCOTT ADAMS

PROFESSIONAL HISTORY:

1998 – Consulting Services

1987 – 1998 Fire Chief (CEO), City of Torrance Fire Department, Torrance, CA

1974 – 1998 City of Torrance Fire Department, City of Torrance, CA

1971 – 1974 City of Gardena Fire Department, Gardena, CA

PROFESSIONAL CREDENTIALS:

President – Los Angeles Area Fire Chiefs Association

President – South Bay Fire Chiefs Association

Appointee – Governor’s Oil Refinery and Chemical Plant Safety Preparedness Committee.

Board Member – League of California Cities Fire Chiefs Department

Board Member – South Bay District, American Red Cross

Commissioner – Los Angeles County Emergency Medical Services Commission (District 4 Appointee)

Assessment Team Member – Chief Officer Selection Process for:

- City of Alhambra, CA
- Beverly Hills, CA
- City of Burbank, CA
- City of Downey, CA
- City of Manhattan Beach, CA
- City of Redondo Beach, CA
- City of Santa Fe Springs, CA
- City of Santa Monica, CA

Co-author (book) – Practical Guide to Risk Management Communications

Scott Adams had a twenty-eight year career in the fire service in Southern California -- the last eleven years as Fire Chief - CEO of the City of Torrance Fire Department. He possesses



significant experience in evaluation, decision-making, and management of the delivery of fire suppression, prevention, emergency medical, and specialty emergency services, in an urban/industrial – suburban/residential environment. During his tenure as Chief he:

- Envisioned, secured funding, and implemented the complete automation of the department’s administrative and dispatch systems, as well as being instrumental in the design and implementation of a city-wide GIS system.
- Secured funding and implemented a high capability cross-functional Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Team.
- Oversaw the development, funding, and implementation of a cross-functional Technical Rescue Team and Regional Technical Rescue Training Facility.
- Envisioned, secured funding, and oversaw the implementation of a partnership between the Torrance Fire Department, Little Company of Mary Hospital, and the Torrance Unified School District to require / provide training for CPR and First Aid certification of all 9th graders in the City of Torrance, the “Safer City Program.”
- Envisioned, secured funding, and implemented one of the first EMT-D programs in the state, for all fire department and police department personnel.

- Envisioned, and implemented an economic development partnership between the fire department and the High-Shear Technology Corporation of Torrance for the design and manufacture of specialized extrication tools, under the Defense Department’s Technology Transfer Program.

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- Shepherded the Torrance Fire Department from Class 3 to ISO Class 1 Rating. (Considered an important strategic goal in the heavy commercial and industrial setting.)
- Developed an internal I-Net Cable Television infrastructure at all department facilities for the dissemination of training and information.
- Served as a standing member of the City of Torrance Budget Review Team.
- Served as a standing member of the City's Environmental Review Board.
- Responsible for legislative input, interpretation, program development and implementation for the landslide of State and Federal chemical process safety and right to know" legislation promulgated in the last two decades.
- Served as liaison and principal representative for the City of Torrance to the court-appointed safety advisor in the implementation of a landmark court-ordered consent decree mandating a seven-year-long safety evaluation and upgrade of a major oil refinery.
- Served as the City of Torrance's lead facilitator and project manager in the development of the City's first comprehensive Strategic Plan.