

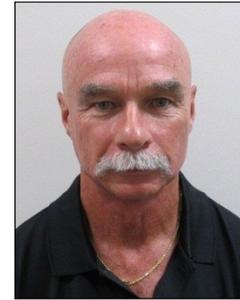


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Deltona hires new Fire Chief

May 9, 2014— The City of Deltona has hired Mark S. Rhame, former Division Chief from Orange County Fire Rescue, as the new head of the City of Deltona's Fire Department.

Rhame, who officially takes the reigns Friday, has more than 32 years of experience in various roles in the fire and rescue field. His recent position was as a Senior Consultant with C3 Pathways, Inc. where he was responsible for assisting agencies with Homeland Security exercise evaluation and compliance.



With Orange County, Rhame was the Division Chief of Training and later the Division Chief of Operations before retiring in 2011. Orange County Fire Rescue is the fourth largest fire rescue department in Florida. While there, he worked with and supervised over a thousand employees, forty-one fire stations and an overall budget of more than \$100 million. His supervisory responsibilities for this position included all aspects of emergency and non-emergency responses, short and long term planning, personnel issues and public relations.

Rhame has a master's degree in Public Administration and possesses eight different NIMS (National Incident Management Systems) certifications and is qualified as an "All-Hazards Incident Management Team and Planning Section Chief."

Rhame takes over for Deputy Fire Chief Robert Rogers who has been serving as the Interim Fire Chief since December 2013. The Deltona Fire Department composed of 77 personnel including five fire stations and a logistics facility.