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(Chief Retired)

I was born and raised in the great state of Vermont. I am a 7th generation Vermonter dating back to the late 1600's. I met my wife Shirley, in elementary school. We were married in 1973 and have three wonderful children. Two sons, David Jr. who is a lieutenant with the Brattleboro Vt. Fire Department and Chad who is a patrolman with the Brattleboro, Vt. Police Department; and our beautiful daughter, Erica, who is in the business arena and a great mom. We have six grandsons,

Trey, Dylan, Jackson, Conner, Tanner, and Jett. *"If I knew that grand children were this great, I would have had them first"*

During my senior year in high school, I was *Fire Chief for the day* in the Elks youth program. I joined the Brattleboro fire department as a full time firefighter in June of 1970. I was promoted to captain in 1976, and Asst. Fire Chief in 1987, and then to Chief of the department in 1989, which I held until my retirement in June 2007. I was deeply involved with local, state, and national affiliations. After 37 years of the best job in the world, it was time for me to figure out what I want to be when I grow up? *(Remember this: getting older is mandatory, growing up is optional!!)*

So that brought me to the Police Academy and now I work as a Deputy Sheriff and also a part time position with Vermont Emergency Management Department of Public Safety. I work out of the Radiological Response Program Office.

The Red Knights became part of my life in 2001, when we founded Vermont 2, and I was its first chapter president and continue to be a charter member. I have held various positions with the International Board, one being past Vice Chairman of the board, when it was a two tiered system consisting of a group forming the board of directors and another group forming the International Officers. I am pleased to have been a part of the merging of the two boards into one. I then became the first Eastern Regional Director, and held the gratifying position of Vice President. And now I am honored to have been elected to the President's position at the Convention in Fort Lauderdale, Florida in August of 2009. I look forward to working with the International

Executive Board and will strive to carry on the traditions and camaraderie that we all have enjoyed in the past.

I would like to thank all of the past presidents, board members, and leaders of this extraordinary club. I hope to encourage all to become involved with your chapter, the state organization, and the international board. Together, we can foster growth, be part of change, and help make this the best organization possible.