Chief Brian M. Lindbloom

Fire Chief | Trafford Fire Company No. 1 | Trafford, Pennsylvania

Professional Biography

Chief Brian M. Lindbloom brings more than four decades of fire and emergency-service experience and 21 years of United States Navy service to his leadership of Trafford Fire Company No. 1. His professional background spans emergency response, emergency medical services, fire prevention, municipal code administration, instruction, and organizational leadership.

As Fire Chief of Trafford's all-volunteer fire company, Lindbloom oversees both emergency operations and the administrative work required to sustain a public-safety organization. His responsibilities include personnel development, training, operational readiness, apparatus and equipment planning, budgets, grant administration, and long-range organizational needs.

Lindbloom joined the Company's officer ranks as Captain in August 2002 and was elected Fire Chief in December 2008. He has continued to serve in that position through successive biennial elections. His broader fire-service experience includes assignments with the Virginia Beach, Peters Township, and Swissvale fire departments, where he served in operational, emergency medical, and fire and life-safety educator roles.

United States Navy Service

Lindbloom served on active duty in the United States Navy from 1985 until his retirement in 2006 as a Chief Petty Officer (E-7). Beginning his career during the Cold War, he trained as an Operations Specialist and Air Intercept Controller, developing expertise in naval air defense, threat assessment, tactical watchstanding, and the control of Navy aircraft.

His assignments included service aboard multiple surface combatants and operational deployments involving the Mediterranean, Adriatic, Red Sea, and Arabian Gulf regions. His firsthand service included Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm and operations associated with the Adriatic campaign during the 1990s.

Aboard USS Briscoe (DD-977), Lindbloom qualified and served as a Tactical Action Officer with Weapons Release Authority, with responsibilities for tactical decision-making and the defense of the ship and assigned naval forces. He also performed air-control duties in support of operational missions. His Navy service included personnel supervision and recruiting leadership, and he earned the Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist and Enlisted Aviation Warfare Specialist qualifications.

The Navy Chief Petty Officer tradition of technical competence, accountability, mentorship, and responsibility for others continues to influence his approach to fire-service leadership.

Professional Education and Qualifications

Lindbloom has pursued extensive technical and leadership education throughout his career. His Pro Board professional qualifications include Fire Company Officer I through IV, Fire Inspector I through III, and Fire & Emergency Services Instructor I through III. He also holds plans-examiner qualifications and additional credentials involving firefighting operations, apparatus operation, hazardous materials, rescue, safety, and public fire and life-safety education.

His formal education includes a Bachelor of Science in Applied Science and Technology, with Distinction, from Trinity College & University, along with paramedic education. His studies have been supplemented by military and civilian training in incident command, emergency management, fire prevention, building construction, and municipal code administration.

Emergency Medical Services, Municipal Service, and Instruction

In addition to his volunteer fire-service leadership, Lindbloom serves as President of the nonprofit Trafford Emergency Medical Service and as its full-time, paid Service Director. He also serves as a volunteer paramedic. His EMS administrative responsibilities encompass personnel, operations, regulatory compliance, and ambulance-service management.

Lindbloom also serves as President of the nonprofit Trafford Fire Company No. 1, alongside his volunteer role as Fire Chief. His municipal background includes building inspection, code enforcement, fire and life-safety inspection, and municipal planning. He has served as an adjunct instructor in emergency medical services education, helping prepare EMT and paramedic students through classroom instruction, practical training, and evaluation.

Together, these roles have provided experience in both emergency response and prevention, as well as the organizational and financial responsibilities that support public safety.

Organizational Leadership and Community Service

As Fire Chief, Lindbloom has worked to strengthen the Company's readiness through training, equipment planning, facility improvements, and the pursuit and administration of public-safety grants. His work emphasizes documenting operational needs, evaluating resources carefully, and planning for the long-term sustainability of volunteer emergency services.

He places particular importance on mentoring firefighters and officers, maintaining strong operational fundamentals, and learning from experience. His leadership approach is grounded in verified information, disciplined decision-making, personal accountability, and preparing others to assume responsibility.

For Lindbloom, effective leadership is measured not only by what an individual accomplishes, but by how well an organization and its people are prepared to serve the community in the years ahead.