

Mr. Russ Chandler is a former firefighter, investigator, fire marshal, volunteer fire chief and instructor, proudly serving the fire service community for 52 years. He served the Damariscotta Fire Department (Maine), Ladysmith Fire Department (Virginia), and the Hanover Fire & EMS (Virginia) as a volunteer member. He also served the Petersburg Fire Department as a Career Firefighter and then served as the Fire Chief of the Kings Dominion Amusement Park. Chief Chandler was also named as the first fire marshal for Hanover County.

Chief Chandler proudly served in the Virginia Department of Fire Programs for 24 years. He served in such positions as the Chief of the Virginia Fire Marshal Academy, Branch Chief of Training, and Branch Chief of Operations.

While retired, Chief Chandler currently works part-time as a Program Manager for the International Association of Fire Chiefs and a Instructor of the VCU School of Forensics. He has been honored with the Instructor of the Year-VCU School of Forensics, a Medal of Valor-Hanover County Fire EMS

Chief Chandler joined the VFPA in 1974. He received "Life Membership" in 2015 for his dedication and support of the VFPA.