

SCOTT CHAPPELL

CAPTAIN (FIRE) (RET.)

INSTRUCTOR, NCIER



PROFILE

SCOTT CHAPPELL brings over three decades of experience in the Florida fire service, with a distinguished career centered on operations, incident command, and special operations. His expertise spans Urban Search & Rescue (US&R) and Hazardous Materials (HazMat) response, where he has played a vital role in strengthening Florida's all-hazards emergency response capability.

Scott's career is highlighted by his tenure with the Florida State Fire Marshal at the Florida State Fire College, where he began as a field instructor and rose to serve as the US&R/HazMat Coordinator. His operational experience includes deployments to more than a dozen disasters, where he coordinated both ground-based search and rescue operations and air operations — contributing to lifesaving missions in highly complex environments.

Scott is a graduate of the Executive Fire Officer program and holds a Master's Degree in Public Administration and a Graduate Certificate in Emergency Management and Homeland Security.



EXPERIENCE

C3 Pathways, Inc.

Oviedo, Florida, 2025 - Current

INSTRUCTOR

Scott provides instruction for active shooter incident management courses. He uses his many years of fire expertise during classroom instruction and hands-on training.

www.c3pathways.com

Scott H. Chappell, Inc.

Melrose, FL, 2001 - Current

CONSULTANT

Scott provides consultations on hazardous response and emergency management training and exercise for private and public emergency and fire service organizations.

www.longviewsolutionsgroup.com

Florida State Fire College / State Fire Marshall

Ocala, FL, 2002 - 2023

US&R / HAZMAT / MRAC PROGRAM COORDINATOR

In this role, Scott coordinated single and joint responses from US&R Rescue Task Forces, Technical Rescue Teams, Hazardous Materials Teams and Mutual-Aid Radio Communications Units. He participated in the Florida Catastrophic Planning Committee, State Emergency Response Committee, State Domestic Security Strategy Fire Committee, and the Training Task Force. He was deployed to more than a dozen disasters and coordinated both ground-based and air operations.

www.myfloridacfo.com/division/sfm

Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX)

College Station, TX, 2024 - Current

AGENCY INSTRUCTOR III

Scott is responsible for exercise support and training course delivery at the TEEX Emergency Service Training Institute (ESTI).

www.teex.org

Marion County Fire Rescue

Ocala, FL, 2000 - 2023

CAPTAIN / SPECIAL OPERATIONS

In addition to coordinating and conducting district level training courses, Scott established and implemented departmental goals and objectives and assisted in the management and administration of the department.

www.marionfl.org

*“Preparedness doesn't prevent
crisis — it prevents chaos.”*

- John C. Maxwell

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KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS

Fire, EMS, and
Emergency Response



30+ years fire and EMS progressive experience from Firefighter/Paramedic to Urban Search & Rescue/HazMat Program Coordinator. Training and instructional expert with search and rescue operations.

Incident Management



Expert in NIMS and ICS with experience during major Florida hurricanes, infrastructure collapses, and 23+ years at the local, state and federal levels.

Training and Instruction



Developed operational guidance as well as education and training practices on all aspects of emergency response at local and district levels

Emergency Management



30+ years of emergency management experience leading preparedness, response, recovery, and training initiatives at the local, state, and national levels. Coordinated operations for more than a dozen federally declared disasters while advancing statewide emergency response capabilities through incident command, Urban Search & Rescue (US&R), Hazardous Materials (HazMat), and emergency management leadership.

Disaster Exercises
(HSEEP)



20+ of experience developing and conducting discussion- and operations-based disaster exercises for emergency management, fire service, and specialty response organizations. Expertise in exercise design, incident command integration, after-action evaluation, and translating lessons learned into measurable improvements in preparedness and response capabilities.

SPECIALITIES

- ★ NIMS/ICS
- ★ Firefighter / Paramedic (FL)
- ★ Emergency Management
- ★ Urban Search and Rescue
- ★ HazMat
- ★ Fire Instructor III
- ★ Fire Officer I-IV
- ★ Scuba Rescue Diver
- ★ Smoke Diver
- ★ HazMat Tech

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

NIMS Certifications

ICS 100, 200, 300, 400, 700, 800

National Domestic Preparedness Consortium (NDPC)

Instructor Certificate
PER 353, PER 352

FEMA Certification

L449, L950, L956, L958,
L960, L962, 0808, S330

Hurricane Deployments

Deployments including Hermine, Matthew, Irma, Maria, Florence, Michael, Dorian, Sally, Ian, Nicole, and Idalia.

COVID-19 Global Pandemic

Florida Deputy Logistics Section Chief
State Logistics Response Center

Awards

Marion County Fire Rescue
2003 Firefighter of the Year

Florida Fire Chief's Association
2017 Search and Rescuer of the Year
2013 Search and Rescuer of the Year

Professional Firefighters of Marion County
2013 Firehouse of the Year
2012 Firehouse of the Year
2010 Firehouse of the Year
2010 Special Operations
Technician of the Year

F.O.O.L.S. International
2012 Dana Hannon Award for Training
and Education

American Legion 40/8
2004 Florida Hero of the Year