# Deandrea Pleiness

# **Deputy Fire Chief**

I have over 5 years of experience as a Deputy Fire Chief. In my role, I am responsible for supervising the day-to-day operations of the fire department and ensuring that all firefighters are properly trained and equipped to perform their duties. I also respond to emergency calls when necessary and provide support to families affected by fires.

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# Education

**Associate's Degree in Fire** Science at Champlain College, VT

Aug 2013 - May 2017

I've learned how to fight fires, both structure and wildland, with various extinguishers and hoses.

### Links

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#### Skills

Fire suppression

Fire prevention

Emergency medical services

Hazardous materials response

Technical rescue operations

Wildland firefighting

Command and control

## Languages

English

Urdu

## **Employment History**

## Deputy Fire Chief at Rutland Fire Department, VT

May 2022 - Present

- Led a team of 50 firefighters during a major wildfire that swept through 1,000 acres of forest land.
- Successfully implemented new fire safety protocols that led to a reduction in the number of fires by 20%.
- Trained and certified 100 new firefighters over the course of two
- Led fundraising efforts that raised \$100,000 for new equipment and
- Negotiated contracts with local suppliers that saved the department 10% on supplies.

# Assistant Deputy Fire Chief at Burlington Fire Department, VT

Aug 2017 - Mar 2022

- Led a team of 50 firefighters in responding to a 5-alarm fire, saving all occupants of the building and receiving no injuries.
- Successfully negotiated with city officials for an increase in the department's budget by 10%.
- Trained new recruits in fire suppression techniques and led weekly drills for experienced firefighters.
- Authored or co-authored 3 papers on firefighter safety which were published in leading journals.
- Spoke at 2 national conferences on topics related to firefighting.

### Certificates

**Certified Fire Officer (CFO)** 

Aug 2020

**Certified Emergency Manager (CEM)** 

May 2019

# Memberships

**National Fire Chiefs Council** 

International Association of Fire Chiefs