



NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD
Investigative Hearing

Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Metrorail train 302 that encountered heavy smoke in the tunnel between the L'Enfant Plaza Station and the Potomac River Bridge on January 12, 2015

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Agency / Organization

District of Columbia Fire and Emergency Medical Services

Title

Biography of Derron Hawkins



Derron T. Hawkins Deputy Fire Chief,

District of Columbia, Fire & Emergency Medical Services Department

Derron T. Hawkins is a twenty three year veteran of the District of Columbia Fire and Emergency Medical Services Department (FEMS). Chief Hawkins currently serves as a Deputy Fire Chief within the Homeland Security and Special Operations Division. As Deputy Fire Chief of Homeland Security, Chief Hawkins is responsible for coordinating all hazards planning efforts to prevent, protect, respond and recover from all major and /or catastrophic events. Chief Hawkins performs day to day intergovernmental liaison activities with local, regional, federal and private partners throughout the National Capital Region that focus on threat, hazard identification & risk assessments, special events & mass casualty incident planning and the coordination of information collection, analyzing and dissemination through fusion centers.

In 1992, Chief Hawkins became an FEMS member serving as a Firefighter- Emergency Medical Technician. His experience and career path include promotions to the ranks of Sergeant - 1999, Lieutenant- 2003, Captain - 2007, Battalion Fire Chief -2011, and Deputy Fire Chief -2013. He has also served in a number of operational assignments within the Operations, Fire Prevention and Special Operations Divisions. During his tenure as a Captain, Chief Hawkins served as a subject matter expert for FEMS's 2010 Promotional Examination Process. In his capacity as a Battalion Fire Chief, he supervised the Special Operations Battalion and was a featured speaker at the International Association Fire Chiefs, Fire Rescue International Conferences in Denver, CO in 2012 and Chicago, IL in 2013. Chief Hawkins has served on various Executive Steering Committees and Incident Management Teams for National Special Security Events such as the Presidential Inaugurations, State of the Union Addresses, Independence Day Celebrations on the National Mall, and the 2014 Africa Leaders' Summit.

Chief Hawkins earned his Master of Science in Homeland Security from the University of the District of Columbia. He also earned a Bachelor's Degree in Fire Science Administration and an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Radiography from the University of the District of Columbia. Chief Hawkins has attended several leadership and incident command courses at the National Fire Academy and the University of Maryland, Fire & Rescue Institute. He is a member of the International Association of Fire Chiefs, and the National Honor Society for Homeland Security. During his career, Chief Hawkins has received numerous awards and honors including a "Silver Medal of Valor", a "Bronze Bar of Valor" and "1994 Fire Fighter of the Year."