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City of Biloxi:

Thank you for this opportunity to apply for the position of Director of the Fire Department for the City of Biloxi.

I am a 29-year veteran of the Biloxi Fire Department and the senior Battalion Chief on staff, having served in that capacity for 20 years. I am nationally certified in a variety of areas including Multiple Fire Service Management disciplines, Incident Command and Control, Structural Collapse, High Rise Firefighting, Natural/Man Made Disasters, Emergency Response/Terrorism, and Haz-Mat Operations.

Also, I have been certified by the Department of Homeland Security in Weapons of Mass Destruction Incident Command as well as certifications in Power Line Hazard, Passenger Train Emergency Response and Fire Arson Investigation.

I believe my extensive training and experience as a leader in the Biloxi Fire Department are overwhelming qualifications for the position of Director of the Fire Department. Further, I am well versed in interdepartmental operations and communications within the City of Biloxi. I understand the practical and political workings of municipal government, and have always focused on job performance within those considerations.

I take great pride in my dedication and service to Biloxi, including the fact that I have never even taken one sick day off since joining the Fire Department in 1984. Throughout more than two decades of service, I believe I have served professionally and with integrity, even being honored with a Medal of Honor as well as a Medal of Valor. I have the respect of the men and women of BFD, and of the people we serve on a daily basis.

I have always been involved in my community outside of work, including volunteer, charity and church service. I founded the Firefighter Relief Fund and serve on the Board of the West End Hose Company #3. I also helped spearhead relief efforts in Louisiana and New York after Hurricanes Isaac and Sandy and in Oklahoma after the recent tornados.

I have served my city faithfully and without incident for almost three decades. It would be an honor to continue that service as the new Director of the Fire Department for the City of Biloxi.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John A. Bay" with a date "7/10" written at the end of the signature.

# Joseph F Boney

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## OBJECTIVE:

Career advancement to the position of Director of the Fire Department for the City of Biloxi.

## WORK HISTORY:

- June 1993 – Present      Battalion Chief      Biloxi Fire Dept.
- Apr 1992 – June 1993      Captain      Biloxi Fire Dept.
- Jun 1987 – Apr 1992      FF III      Biloxi Fire Dept.
- May 1985 – Jun 1987      FFII      Biloxi Fire Dept.
- May 1984 – May 1985      FFI      Biloxi Fire Dept.

## EDUCATION:

Graduate – Ocean Springs High School 1980

## PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION/TRAINING:

### National Fire Academy Training/Certification

- “Politics and the White Helmet”      2013  
Management Course
- Incident Command/High Rise Ops      2011
- NIMS Multi Agency Coordination      2010
- NIMS100(Nat’l Incident Mgmt Sys)      2010
- NIMS200      2010
- Leadership I      2007
- NIMS-Intro to Unified Command      2007
- NIMS300      2007
- NIMS400      2007
- NIMS800      2006
- NIMS700      2005
- IC/Structural Collapse      2005
- Haz-Mat Operations      2004
- IC/Natural & Man-made Disasters      2004
- Emergency Response to Terrorism      2003
- IC/High-Rise Incident      2002
- Organizational Theory & Practice      2002
- Executive Skills/Leading Diversity      2001
- Fire Service Communications      1999

- Managing and Leading Change 1999
- Influencing Change 1999
- Interpersonal Dynamics/Fire Serv Org. 1998
- Command and Control 1995
- IRHMI-Basic Concepts 1994
- Recognizing/ID Haz-Mat 1990

**MS State Fire Academy Training/Certification**

- Chief Officer:Succession Planning 2008
- Fire Service Instructor 2008
- Emergency Service Admin Proff 2007
- Haz-Mat Basic Concepts 2005
- Structural Fire Attack 2001
- Emergency Resp to Terrorism/Tactical 2000
- Fire Ground Leadership 1998
- Fire Service Management 1997
- Fire Investigator 1997
- Basic Fire Arson Investigation 1995
- Fire Officer 1993
- FF 1001-III 1988
- Comm/SCBE/Haz-Mat 1988
- FF 1001-II 1988
- FF 1001-I 1984

**Other Training/Certification**

- Patriot Training Program 2003  
Office of US Atty/Southern District
- WMD Incident Command 2003  
Dept of Homeland Security
- Electrical Safety Program 2003  
Coast Electric Power Assn
- Power Line Hazard Awareness 2000  
Construction Safety Council
- Passenger Train Emergency Response 1999  
Amtrak
- EMT-Basic - Ambulance 1986 -1998  
MGCCC
- Emergency Marine Vessel Training 1991  
TDI of MS Inc
- SCBA Level B and MSA Air Pack Repair
- Over 300 hrs. Certified Departmental Training

### **PROFESSIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS:**

- COB Employee Volunteer of the Year 2013
- VFW Firefighter of the Year 2010
- BFD Medal of Valor 2006
- BFD Medal of Honor 2006
- COB Employee Volunteer of the Year 2000
- 100 Club FF of the Month 1991
- 100 Club FF of the Month 1989
- VFW FF of the Year 1988
- 100 Club FF of the Year 1988
- 100 Club FF of the Month 1988
- BPOE #606 FF of the Year 1987-88
- 100 Club FF of the Month 1987
- Biloxi Jaycees FF of the Year 1986-87
- 100 Club FF of the Month 1986
- Biloxi Jaycees FF of the Year 1985-86
- 100 Club FF of the Month 1985

### **PERSONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- Co-Founder, Board Member and Treasurer of WEHCO#3 Fire Museum
- Member MS Fire Chiefs Assoc
- Member International Assoc of Fire Chief
- Member of SPAAMFAA  
(Society for the Preservation and Appreciation of Antique Motor Fire Apparatus in America)
- Member of Knights of Columbus
- Blessed Seelos Catholic Church:  
Recipient of 2012 Diocese of Biloxi Lumen Christi Award  
Parish Council member. Sacristan, Eucharistic Minister and Usher
- Member of AASLH (American Assoc for State & Local History)
- Founder and current advisor of the Firefighter Relief Fund
- Founded and directs the annual solicitation of donations and distribution of "Bucks for Bikes" in support of the annual Christmas Toy Run
- Initiated and led relief efforts in LA and NY following Hurricanes Isaac and Sandy and the tornados in Oklahoma