

**APPLICATION FOR PERSONNEL COMMISSION  
CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH**



NAME **David W. Ellis** DATE **July 13, 2018**  
NAME OF BOARD, COMMISSION, COMMITTEE, TASK FORCE **Personnel Commission**  
LENGTH OF RESIDENCY **31 yrs.** OCCUPATION **Retired Fire Chief, City of Long Beach;  
Consultant on Public Safety**  
U.S. CITIZEN? **Yes** CURRENTLY SERVING ON BOARD OR COMMISSION? **No**  
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**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND**

***B.S. Occupational Studies and Emergency Management,  
CSU Long Beach, Long Beach, CA***

***The National Fire Administration Executive Leadership Program,  
National Fire Academy, Emmitsburg, MD***

***Leadership for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Chaos, Conflict, and Courage,  
John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, Cambridge, MS***

***Leadership in Crisis: Preparation and Performance,  
John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, Cambridge, MS***

***Federal Emergency Management Agency Incident Command System Coursework and CA State Fire  
Marshal Training,  
National Fire Academy, Emmitsburg, MD***

**PROFESSIONAL LICENSES/ASSOCIATIONS**

- **Los Angeles County Certified Paramedic (past)**
- **Past President of CA Fire Chiefs Association; Metro Departments**
- **Past Member of International Association of Firefighters**
- **Past Member of California Association of Firefighters**

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

- **Journeyman Carpenter and past member of Carpenters Union Local 630; Long Beach, CA**
- **Firefighter, Glendale Fire Department, Glendale, CA**
- **Firefighter/Paramedic, Long Beach Fire Department, Long Beach, CA**
- **Captain, Long Beach Fire Department, Long Beach, CA**
- **Battalion Chief, Long Beach Fire Department, Long Beach, CA**
- **Assistant Chief, Long Beach Fire Department, Long Beach, CA**
- **Fire Chief, Long Beach Fire Department, Long Beach, CA**
- **Terrorism training in Israel sponsored by Anti-Defamation League**

- Attended the National Conference of Mayors and met with mayors from the Gulf States after touring the devastation of Hurricane Katrina.
- Collaborated with Homeland Security Secretary Chertoff at FEMA in Washington, DC for disaster preparedness and response.

#### **SPECIAL KNOWLEDGE OR SKILLS**

**Over 30 years working with a municipality and its employees from entry level to senior management. Extensive knowledge of hiring practices and accountability measures of both union and non-union employees. Experience working with varied/multiple groups and associations including firefighters, lifeguards, IAM, civil service and HR departments. Worked closely with HR department and city attorney on numerous confidential employee matters.**

#### **CIVIC AND/OR SERVICE MEMBERSHIPS/PARTNERSHIPS**

- American Red Cross, Long Beach Chapter, Past Board Member
- Long Beach Police Department DARE Program, Past Board Member
- Past President of CA Fire Chiefs Association; Metro Departments

#### **CIVIC INTERESTS**

**I have a vested and genuine interest in policies, laws, and decisions made at the local, state, and national levels. I keep abreast of issues that have a direct impact on our economy, again, at the local, state, and national levels. I have an interest as well as concern for city government to function at a responsible and sustainable financial level. In addition, I believe that the responsibility of a leader is to encourage and develop future leaders. I have taken this to heart as I have, and continue to, mentor local youth along with many individuals currently in public safety.**

#### **HOW WILL YOUR QUALIFICATIONS BEST SERVE THE NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY?**

**Through my experiences as a fire chief in managing over 1,000 personnel; in visiting cities devastated by fire, hurricanes, earthquakes, and other natural disasters; and in consulting in the private sector as well as municipalities, I have learned and have come to appreciate the value of collaboration, negotiation, and most importantly, communication. It is these skills that I hope to share with the City of Huntington Beach and Personnel Commission knowing that we together can make a difference.**

#### **WHY DO YOU WISH TO SERVE ON A VOLUNTEER CITIZEN'S BODY?**

**Being a resident of Huntington Beach for over 30 years, I am invested in our community. My wife has been a school administrator in Huntington Beach for over 20 years and in those 20 years, we have both developed strong relationships and ties to our community and its families. I care about this city and, based on my experience working with city government, I believe my perspective as both a public servant and a resident will serve our city well.**