



## Chief Rhoda Mae Kerr

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Rhoda Mae Kerr, a fourth generation firefighter with 26 years of experience in the field, is currently the Fire Chief of the City of Little Rock, Ark., and was previously Assistant Fire Chief in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

In addition to an M.P.A. in Public Administration, a B.A. in Physical Education and Health, and an A.S. in Fire Science Technology, Chief Kerr has earned certifications from Harvard University's National Preparedness Leadership Initiative and Senior Executives in State and Local Government Program. She also completed the Executive Fire Officer Program at the National Fire Academy and is a certified Fire Inspector, Fire Service Instructor and Emergency Medical Technician.

Prior to entering her career in fire safety, Chief Kerr taught high school as a coach, physical education instructor and recreation director for 13 years.

Chief Kerr serves as Chair of the Human Relations Committee of the International Association of Fire Chiefs and Southwest Director of the National Society of Executive Fire Officers. She is a Board Member of the American Red Cross of Greater Arkansas, Just Communities for Greater Arkansas and Little Rock Fire Department Foundation; Honorary Commander at Little Rock Air Force Base; and an active member of the FBI Citizens' Academy Alumni Association, the International Association of Fire Chiefs, Rotary International, and several other community organizations.

An avid sports enthusiast, Chief Kerr enjoys playing golf and tennis and bike riding and is excited to help Austin pursue its goal of becoming the fittest city in America.