

KELVIN COCHRAN - BIO

Background:

Shreveport, Louisiana native Kelvin J. Cochran, as a five-year-old boy, was spellbound by Shreveport Firefighters fighting a fire across the street from his house and dreamed that one day he would be a firefighter.

Education:

A proud student of Caddo Parish Public Schools, he graduated from Woodlawn High School (1978); Wiley College (1999) with a Bachelor's Degree in Organizational Management; Louisiana Tech University (2004) with a Master's Degree in Industrial and Organizational Psychology; and Honorary Doctorate in Christian Leadership; Ohio Christian University, and is currently pursuing a doctorate in Interdisciplinary Leadership from Creighton University.

Employment History:

His employment with the Shreveport Fire Department began in 1981 as a firefighter. He was then promoted to Fire Training Officer and served in this capacity from 1985 - 1990, when he gained promotion to Assistant Chief Training Officer. His service in this position concluded when he was appointed Fire Chief of the Shreveport Fire Department on August 26, 1999. On January 2, 2008 he was appointed fire chief of the City of Atlanta Fire Rescue Department. On August 17, 2009 he was appointed as the United States Fire Administrator by President Barack Obama; June 19, 2010 he was re-appointed by Mayor Kasim Reed as Fire Chief of the City of Atlanta Fire Rescue Department.

Faith History

Kelvin was baptized at an early age at the Galilee Baptist Church in Shreveport, LA. His service there included Sunday school teacher and deacon. Upon relocating to Atlanta in 2008 he joined the Elizabeth Baptist Church and continued his service as a teacher and ordained minister. He was called to preach in January 2015 and currently serves on staff as Chief Operating Officer/Chief Strategic Officer of Elizabeth Baptist Church.

Personal:

He is married to Carolyn Marshall Cochran and the father of three children and has one granddaughter.