

R. Lorenzo Wilkins – Board Member



Chief Richard Lorenzo Wilkins is a graduate from Fayetteville State University with a Bachelor of Arts Degree. Since completing his degree, he joined the Roanoke Wildwood Vol. Fire Department in spring of 2007. Since being a member of the fire department Chief Wilkins has served as Asst Chief, and Deputy Chief, before becoming Chief in 2014. Chief Wilkins is a licensed mental health professional in the state of Virginia and has worked in North Carolina and Virginia doing mental health. Chief Wilkins has been in the fire service over 17 years, and is currently working part time with Northampton County Emergency management. Chief Wilkins worked with the Department of Public Safety with his time with Probation and Parole. Under Chief Wilkins leadership his department has become more diverse and the average age has dropped from 67 to 35. The firefighters on roster have grown from 17 members when he first joined to currently 40 members. The department has a dive team, water rescue team, drone team, and vehicle extrication team. Chief Wilkins has implemented a first responder program that goes live in Warren County starting in February. The department has improved response time, training hours, and certs under Chief Wilkins Leadership. Chief Wilkins passed the latest 9s inspection with flying colors and currently running as a 5's department far as ISO rating which was done in December 2020.