

Chief Ronny J. Coleman is the retired State Fire Marshal for the State of California.

He has received a Masters of Arts Degree in Vocational Education from Cal State Long Beach, a Bachelors of Science Degree in Political Science from Cal State Fullerton and an Associate of Arts Degree in Fire Science from Rancho Santiago College. Chief Coleman proudly served in the United States Marine Corps.

He has served in many elected positions in professional organizations, including President, [International Association of Fire Chiefs](#), Vice President, [International Committee for Prevention and Control of Fire](#) (CTIF), and President, [California League of Cities](#), Fire Chiefs Department. In 2010, he was appointed Chairman of the [California State Firefighters Association](#) (CSFA) Volunteer Committee. He served on the Public Safety Committee for the California League of Cities for almost 20 years as well as Chairman of the [Commission on Fire Accreditation International](#) from 1984 – 2005.

Chief Coleman holds professional memberships in many other organizations, such as the [International Association of Fire Chiefs](#), [International Fire Code Institute](#), [Conference of Building Officials](#), [International Code Council](#), [National Fire Protection Association](#), and the [Institution of Fire Engineers, USA Branch](#) and was elected as a Fellow of the Institute by the British Chapter.

In the past he has served as a panel member on the re-constituted “America Burning” panel and was a member of the [US Fire Administration](#) “Stakeholder Committee.” He serves on the Fireman’s Fund National Committee and currently serves as the President of [The National Fire Heritage Center](#) dedicated to preserving the written history of the fire profession in the United States.

He also chairs the [International Accreditation Services](#), Technical Advisory Committee on the Accreditation of Fire Prevention Bureaus for the International Code Council. In 2011, he was appointed to the [National Construction Safety Team](#) panel under the jurisdiction of NIST. He serves as the chair of the [California Statewide Training and Education Advisory Committee](#).

Chief Coleman was a columnist for [Fire Chief Magazine](#) and continues to write for [Sprinkler Age Magazine](#). He has authored over 19 textbooks for the fire community and currently supervises the website for the [American Wood Council](#).

The [California Fire Chiefs Association](#) named their annual *Fire Chief of the Year Award* after Chief Coleman in 2000. The Center for Public Safety Excellence named a perpetual trophy devoted to *Excellence in Leadership* after Chief Coleman. He was recently awarded special recognition by the President of the International Code Council for his lifetime involvement in the development of fire codes.

He was recently appointed to the International Code Council Membership Development Committee. In 2011, he received the *Mason Lankford Award* a lifetime achievement award created by the [Congressional Fire Caucus Institute](#). In 2012 Chief Coleman was awarded the

*CSFA Hall of Flame*. In 2013, he was designated as “Companion Fellow” with the Institution of Fire Engineers.

Chief Coleman received the [Fire Services Training Institute](#) *Howard W. Rayon Distinguished Service Award* in 2011.