



Mark Niemeyer currently serves as the Fire Chief of the Meridian Fire Department. As the second largest City in Idaho, and one of the top fastest growing City's in the Country, Chief Niemeyer leads a progressive group of 90 men and women who serve the community of Meridian. Shortly after completing the Paramedic program at Central Washington University, he began his career in Yakima, Washington in 1993 as both a full time paramedic and volunteer firefighter. After moving to the Treasure Valley in 1997 and spending 10 years working for Ada County Paramedics, Chief Niemeyer was hired by the Meridian Fire Department as a Deputy Chief of EMS in 2007, and in 2009 was appointed as the Fire Chief. Along with the duties of Fire Chief, he serves alongside a team of 10 departments working directly with the Mayor and City Council to ensure growth and needs of the community are met. Most recently Chief Niemeyer served as the City's Emergency Operations Manager responsible to help navigate the City through the COVID pandemic.

Chief Niemeyer has considerable experience across a wide variety of organizations. Currently he serves on the boards of both the Idaho Fire Chiefs Association and the Western Fire Chiefs Association. He is currently the Vice President of the Western Fire Chiefs Association, and is a past president of the Idaho Fire Chiefs Association EMS Division. He is also active in the Treasure Valley, serving on the board of the Southwest Idaho Fire Chiefs Association, as well as a multiple term Chairman of the Ada County/City Emergency Services System. Outside of the Fire Service, Chief Niemeyer has served as a Parks and Recreation District Commissioner, and has coached numerous baseball and softball teams. Over the years, Chief Niemeyer has been recognized several times including multiple Idaho Business Review Healthcare hero and innovator awards, City of Meridian Director of the Year, Association of Idaho Cities innovation awards, and the Meridian Fire Department Distinguished Service Award.

Chief Niemeyer's strength is his willingness to work with others, finding creative solutions to challenging issues, and creating partnerships and collaboration with focused efforts on reducing cost while increasing effectiveness. He has remained a strong advocate for the continued improvement in firefighter safety and health, as well as a continued focus on meeting the ever-changing needs of the community he serves. Chief Niemeyer has been married to his amazing wife Cheryl for 27 years, and have raised two children following in the footsteps of serving others- son Justin now a full time firefighter, and daughter Halley who is in her senior year attending LC State pursuing her Bachelor's degree in Nursing.