

 BIOGRAPHIES**Devin Villa**

In 1977, Deputy Chief Devin Villa was hired by the Salt Lake City fire department as a firefighter where he built a career over the past 32 years. Today he is Deputy Chief of Operations with the Salt Lake City Fire Department. While at the fire department, he has received and accepted many assignments, including Emergency Medical Technician, Hazardous Materials Specialist, Engineer (Driver), Lieutenant, Captain, Battalion Chief and Deputy Chief. In these assignments he spent 26 years in the firefighting field, directly serving Utah citizens.

In 2008, Villa was appointed to the position of Deputy Chief, an executive-level assignment within the fire department. In this position he is responsible for oversight of Fire Prevention, Emergency Medical Service Delivery, Firefighter Training, all fire stations and firefighting equipment. Recently, he accepted the responsibility of overseeing the Urban Area Security Initiative.

Villa lives with his wife and two daughters in the Sugarhouse area of Salt Lake City, where they have resided for the past 30 years.

Inspirational thought that has helped you during difficult times.

“Never accept anyone else’s opinion; you have to value who you are and where you come from. We are all human.”