

## BIOGRAPHY

Ronald Morales, President  
International Association of Hispanic Firefighters (IAHF) est. 2000  
Bridgeport Hispanic Firefighters Association (BHFA) est. 1989

During the last twenty-two years Ronald Morales has held various positions of increasing responsibility both within the Bridgeport Fire Department (Bridgeport, CT) and in a number of elected offices directly related to the well being of firefighters. His duty assignments have included Firefighter, Pumper Engineer, Code Enforcement Inspector, and as Senior Fire/Arson Inspector within the Fire Marshal Division. As the Senior Inspector of the Fire/Arson Investigation Bureau his responsibilities are the overall supervision and operation of the Bridgeport Fire Department Arson Division.

Ronald Morales has also held a number of elected offices directly related to the firefighting profession. In 1989, he helped to organize the Bridgeport Hispanic Firefighters Association (BHFA) and is currently the president of organization. From 1989 through 1992, he was an elected member of the International Association of Fire Fighters Human Relations Committee. From July 1995 through June 1999 he held the office of President of the International Association of Fire Fighters, Local 834, Bridgeport, CT. As union president he represented approximately 375 firefighters. This included representation of men and women from the rank of Firefighter to Deputy Chief. Between 1995 and 1998 he served as the Secretary/Treasurer of the National Association of Hispanic Firefighters (NAHF). In 1998, he was elected President of the NAHF. In 2000, he left the NAHF and organized the International Association of Hispanic Firefighters (IAHF) [www.iahff.org](http://www.iahff.org) and currently holds the position of President. The IAHF and BHFA are registered 501-C-3 non-profit organizations.

In July 2001, the IAHF held its first International Training and Education Conference in San Juan, Puerto Rico. In July 2002, the IAHF partnered and co-located with the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Latin American Section and held its first partnered International Training and Education Conference in Miami, Florida. Since 2002, the IAHF has held its yearly International Training and Education Conference in Miami, Florida co-locating with NFPA's Latin American Section.

During a majority of this time Ronald Morales he has been actively working towards his Bachelor of Fire Science degree at the University of New Haven, West Haven, CT. Currently he has 81 credits towards this goal from the University of New Haven with an additional 27 credits from Sacred Heart University, Fairfield, CT.

In 2004, he was admitted into the Dr. Carl Holmes Executive Development Institute (EDI) and graduated with the class of 2008.