



# National Fire Heritage Center

An Archives for and about America's Fire Services and Fire Protection Disciplines

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## PRESS RELEASE

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Ben May has been named to the Board of Trustees for the National Fire Heritage Center. The National Fire Heritage Center is the nation's archive for historical documents, and other perishables related to fire protection. These perishables include:

- Art and artifacts
- Audio
- Books
- Charts and graphs
- Documents
- Maps
- Photography
- Reports
- Video

Ben May is a Board Director of the Center for Public Safety Excellence, and recently retired Global Director of Corporate Alliances for the Walt Disney Company. He worked with Disney to create seven figure, interactive, social marketing experiences dedicated to the betterment of society- specifically fire protection and prevention-as well international alliances, most recently as a global senior leader based in Paris over the last two years.

A graduate from the Montgomery Maryland Public Service Training Academy, Ben has been a fire fighter for Hillandale Fire and Rescue in Montgomery County, Maryland and Fire Commissioner for Woodinville Fire and Rescue in Washington State.

He has been a marketing consultant to Fire Protection Publications (FPP), the US Fire Administration and to metro fire departments across the country in the creation of strategic marketing communications plans. He has made presentations and workshops to numerous fire service conferences and departments on the application of marketing management to the fire and emergency services.

Ben is a member of the National Society of Executive Fire Officers, the Institution of Fire Engineers, Board Director of the National Weather Association Foundation, Vision 20/20 for Fire Prevention and Education, Society of Fire Protection Engineers. He is on the advisory committee for the University Corporation for Atmospheric Research in Boulder, CO. for public service marketing issues, and Board Member of the National Weather Association Foundation, led from the National Severe Storms Lab in Foundation in Norman, Oklahoma.

Ben is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate from the University of Oklahoma in Public Affairs and Russian. He holds a Master' Degree with Honors in International Communication and Russian. He is conversant in the Russian & German Languages.

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*As an IRS 501c3 non-profit organization, the National Fire Heritage Center exists to preserve, protect and increase the utilization of contributors to the body of knowledge of the American Fire Protection Services and allied disciplines through identification, acquisition, preservation, conservation and restoration.*