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Robert Frank Westerman, Sr. Fire Chief, MBA, CFOD  
County of Kaua'i, February 2005 to December 2018

As the Chief Administrator of the Kaua'i Fire Department it is his responsibility to ensure that the men and women of the Fire Department and Ocean Safety Bureau are highly skilled, well trained, professionally educated, adequately equipped, and truly motivated to provide the best service possible when saving lives and property on Kaua'i.

From his days as a military dependent and his active duty time his travels have included Japan, Okinawa, Turkey, Thailand, Vietnam, Philippines, South Korea, Guam, Washington, Florida, North Dakota, Kentucky, Ohio, Arizona, and Hawaii. The most memorable times in life is traveling and immersing in the local cultures.

Chief Westerman earned his MBA from University of Hawai'i, Mānoa in the first NIMBA Cohort and a BSBA from the University of Phoenix. He is also a Certified Fire Officer IV from Texas A&M, and Certified as a CFOD, Chief Fire Officer Designee by the Center for Public Safety Excellence.

Prior to serving as the County Fire Chief, he served as the Fire Chief of the Pacific Missile Range Facility, Kaua'i, Hawai'i, from October 1999 to January 2005, Fire Inspector from 1992 to 1999, Fire Captain/EMT Corona De Tucson, from 1985 to 1992.

Chief Westerman is a Vietnam Veteran retired from the United States Air Force after years of service. His accommodations and medals include the Air Force Accommodation Medal, Joint Service Accommodation Medal, 2 Humanitarian Service Medals, Good Conduct Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal and Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm.

Chief Westerman is an active community member and currently serves as a Board Member for the Kaua'i United Way since 2009 and served as President, Vice President and on the Treasure Committee. Serves as a Board Member of West Kaua'i Business and Professional Association for over years serving as President, Vice President, and Treasurer. He is a Life Member of the American Legion, Westside Post 51 serving as Commander, Vice Commander and DECMen. Life Member DAV.

His belief in life long educations is one of the pillars of his administration. He was the first Kauai Fire Chief to encourage and allow attendance at the National Fire Academy in Emmetsburg Maryland. KFD now has 3 Executive Fire Officer Graduates of the academy. He brought back the NREMT through Kaua'i Community Collage to improve the service the community. His hobbies include golf, travel, and home remodeling.