



**Dr. Charles E. Moreland** is a 32-year veteran of the Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department (JFRD). In 1990 at age 18, he joined the department and has held every civil service rank within JFRD from firefighter to battalion chief.

Moreland's leadership ability and strong work ethic led to his appointment by Mayor John Peyton as division chief of rescue in 2003; a first for a minority. In 2010, the Jacksonville native went on to achieve another appointment as director/fire chief.

At the age of 39, he became the youngest person to command the department since the city's 1968 consolidation. Moreland is the second minority to hold the position of director/fire chief in JFRD history and the first minority to hold the position of battalion chief in the rescue division.

Moreland holds several professional certifications with an extensive scholastic background; he has a bachelor's in business administration from Edward Waters College, bachelor's in emergency management from Barry University, master's in public administration and a doctor of education from Nova Southeastern University. Moreland is a 2008 alumnus of Leadership Jacksonville.

Mayor Curry appointed Moreland in 2015 to serve as the director of community and international affairs. In 2020, Mayor Curry tapped Moreland to lead the City of Jacksonville's COVID-19 response efforts in testing and vaccinations, working with federal, state and local stakeholders. In 2022, Mayor Curry appointed Moreland to deputy chief administrative officer for the City of Jacksonville.