

Mr. Hode is a 19 year veteran of Emergency Services with nationally accredited fire certifications and experience in contract fire service management. He has held positions as a professional EMS Dispatcher, New Jersey State Police certified Hazardous Materials Technician, EMS Operations Supervisor and was a nationally registered Paramedic.

He served three years in a combat zone, where he served as Assistant to the Fire Chief and Vice-President with the largest Department of Defense contract fire service,. During his contract tours, he was a Company Officer on a military airfield that serviced large frame transport aircraft. He emphasized training during that role, conducting many familiarization exercises on both United States and Russian aircraft.

Mr. Hode's experience and training in EMS and hazardous materials has honed his ability to comprehend and operationally utilize complex technical data and information, while helping him to develop a more scientific view of the profession. Since 2007, he has worked for SRA International, Inc. as an Aircraft Rescue & Fire Fighting Research Specialist on their contract with the FAA William J. Hughes Technical Center's Airport Safety Research & Development Branch. He currently supports the Operation of New Large Aircraft and Advanced Composite Materials Fire Fighting task orders. These two projects are focused on determining if the current airport fire service equipment, tactics, strategies and capabilities can meet the demands of an emergency involving these new and emerging aircraft and materials.