



Curtis Shirley

I joined the Sipsey Valley Volunteer Fire Department in 1995 and received my Firefighter 1 from the Alabama Fire College the same year. I completed my Firefighter II and NREMT-B, and I'm licensed in the state of Alabama. In 1997, I helped form the Romulus Volunteer Fire Department, where I currently serve as the fire chief. With the help of the community, we built a station and purchased our first apparatus. I recently organized the neighboring fire departments to create the Southwest Tuscaloosa County Rescue Squad. While being a search and rescue group, this has also brought the departments in County District 4 together to provide BLS transport for their community when an ambulance is not available.

Curtis served the Tuscaloosa County Fire Protection Association board for ten years in the capacity of Secretary, Treasurer and Vice President.

Curtis is a member of the AAVFD honor guard. He actively works at funerals to honor our fallen volunteer firefighters.

Curtis was asked to serve as a NVFC Director representing the AAVFD and currently serves in that position.

Curtis was recently awarded the Volunteer Fire Chief of Alabama for 2025.

Curtis has been married to his high school sweetheart Becky since June of 1976, and appreciates the many years of support from her and his children, being called away as volunteers do, to serve their community in the Fire/Ems service.