

CFD2 MEMBER HIGHLIGHT – BC DOUG GIBSON

Where did you grow up?

I grew up in Higginsville, MO about 70 miles east of KC; a rural community where I learned about family, work ethic, God and country.

What led you to choosing a career as a firefighter?

I was challenged to consider the fire service while still in high school by a retired employee of CFD2, Roger Hutchins. I did not take definitive steps towards this career until after graduating from college. Initially I was in the PR world and quickly realized that was not going to lead to daily fulfillment.

What is your favorite part of your job?

- I get to be part of a team (I'm a very small part of something which is far bigger).
- It helps me to stay active and physically fit.
- I get to help people (my team and the community).

What do you do in your free time/time away from CFD2?

My free time is generally filled with part time work, family events and sporting activities.

Tell us about your family

I have been happily married to my wife, Jill, for 34 years. We have 3 children, located in various places around the world, and 3 grandchildren.

Do you have a favorite quote?

"See a need and meet it"

What advice would you have for someone just starting a career as a firefighter.

This is a great job for those willing to work hard and those who have a drive to get along with people and fit into a team atmosphere.