

**Sandra Richards** served as an 18 year veteran in the Fire Services rising to the rank of Battalion Chief. She has completed numerous courses and certification both on a professional and personal level. Sandra has a Master's of Science in Information Systems Management and a Bachelor's of Science in Business Administration.

Her work experience has included contract management, general contracting, project management, meeting planning, fiscal, and management consulting. Sandra is the Corresponding Secretary and Constitutions and Bylaws Chair Person of the International Association Black Professional Fire Fighters. She has served as the Financial Secretary and Interim Executive Director of the International Association of Black Professional Firefighters.

Sandra is active in civic and professional organizations. They include but not limited to Sliver Life member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Beta Epsilon Omega, where she is an active member on several committees, member of National Association of Parliamentarians, member of Women 901, former Secretary Treasurer of the Shelby County Emergency Communications District, Former member of the National Emergency Numbers Association and the Association of Public Safety Officials, former State of Tennessee Democratic State Executive Committeewoman District #32 (twelve years), FEMA USAR team (Tennessee Taskforce One, Technical Information Specialist), and NAACP.

Sandra Richards is the mother of a daughter and goddaughter. Her hobbies include gardening (flowers & vegetables), traveling, and playing tennis.