SAINT MICHAEL’S COLLEGE FIRE AND RESCUE, INC-BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**Chair:**

Thomas F. Powers, III ‘70

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Appointed 2005 **2024**

One of the three founding members of SMFR. Remained active after graduation. Law Enforcement career began in 1972 and served as the Police Chief in Shelburne Vermont, Exeter NH, and the City of Keene New Hampshire, with additional duties as Emergency Manager Director and Assistant City Manager. Served on the Alumni Advisory Council until SMFR Corporation formed. Board member from 2004 to present. Chair from 2008 to present. From 2000 to 2010 served as the Commander of the Vermont National Guard Drug Task Force, Camp Johnson Vermont. Currently elected City Councilor in Keene serving as the Finance Committee Chair

**Secretary:**

Colin B Shea ’02

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Appointed 2021 **2024**

Colin was on both the Fire Unit and Rescue Unit, served as Rescue 2nd Lieutenant his senior year, and was awarded Rescuer of the Year. He served on the Alumni Advisory Council (AAC) including a term as president. Colin and Jess ’04 (Rescue Captain) lived in the Chittenden County area immediately after graduation before moving to NH in 2007. Colin currently works as the Deputy Chief for Falmouth Fire-EMS (Maine).

**Treasurer:**

Melissa Tourville

[mtourville2@smcvt.edu](mailto:mtourville2@smcvt.edu)

Appointed 2022

Melissa is the Assistant Treasurer of Saint Michael’s College, my tenure began in 2011. I am a graduate of Champlain College with a degree in Accounting and I have my Master of Business Administration from Southwest Oklahoma State University. I bring 24 years of business, accounting and compliance experience to the Board. I spent one and half years serving as the treasurer of a local nonprofit daycare. I currently reside in Colchester Vermont with my family and we love to be outdoors.

**FIRE-RESCUE**

Gary G. Breton, Esq. ‘73

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Appointed 2004 **2025**

Graduated from St. Michael’s College in 1973 with a BA in Political Science and was a member of Saint Michaels Fire & Rescue from 1970-1973. Served a police officer in the Town of Colchester, Vermont from 1973-1978 and served as member/crew chief of Mallets Bay Fire and Rescue during this time.

Graduated from Western New England University in 1981 with a Juris Doctor degree. Employed by Bacon, Wilson, P.C. in Springfield, MA as an attorney/shareholder through 2022 and currently serve as “Of Counsel” to the firm. Married to my wife Kathy for 33 years, two grown daughters, Ashley & Brooke.

Michael P. Chmielewski ‘72

[mpchem4c1@gmail.com](mailto:mpchem4c1@gmail.com)

Appointed 2004 **2024**

Mike is a charter member of SMFR, served as first Student Captain and 1st Lieutenant on Rescue. Graduated in 1972 Cum Laude. Stayed in the area and joined Colchester Center Volunteer Fire Company in 1973.  Was a Captain, Deputy Chief, Asst. Chief and then Chief for 30 years.  Oversaw the relationship with Colchester Center and SMFR over those years while working with the town of Colchester. President and owner of Troy Minerals since 1979.  Received the “ROBERT KING FIRE CHIEF OF THE YEAR “award in 2005.  Received SAINT MICHAEL’S FIRE & RESCUE ASST. CHIEF WILLAIM J. MAZUR award in 2019.

Peter Soons ‘82

[petesoons@gmail.com](mailto:petesoons@gmail.com)

Appointed 2017 **2024**

Leslie A. Lindquist ‘05

Student member and officer during her membership in SMFR, remained active following graduation. Trinity EMS 2010 to 2013 serving as an EMT and Paramedic. September 2013 to August 2019 Rescue Chief SMFR. Rescuer of the year 2005, ALS Provider of the year 2014. Currently is Chair of the Vermont EMS District 3, and is a member of the Vermont State EMS Advisory Committee. Currently is the Interim Transport Team Manager for the University of Vermont Medical Center.

**SAINT MICHAEL’S COLLEGE**

Rev. Michael Carter ‘12

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Appointed 2021

Dawn Ellinwood

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Appointed 2012

Joel Ribout (3-15-20)

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Appointed 2020

**Fire-Rescue Terms expire on 3-year rotation**. **Board Officers Elected Annually**