



Session 2A

Motion Picture and Television Film Challenges: An AHJ Perspective

The State of Georgia Governor's recently reported that total film spending in the state topped the \$2 billion mark in the fiscal year that ended July 31 this past year. Georgia remains the No. 3 filming location in the U.S., behind California and New York, with 245 television and film projects shot in Georgia in the last fiscal year. With this added industry firmly establishing itself in Georgia, there also comes many possible challenges for the AHJ.



Chief Richard Brandt
Deputy Chief / Fire Marshal
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With a total of 28 years of Fire Service experience, of which 23 years have been dedicated to the Long Beach Fire Department, Rich Brandt is recognized as a multifaceted and strong leader as Deputy Chief/Fire Marshal in the Fire Prevention Bureau. Serving the Long Beach community since 1993, DC Brandt has a broad understanding and knowledge base on Fire Service issues. DC Brandt has a proven history of hands-on leadership to the improvement of community service events, public information, fire prevention issues. DC Brandt has extensive multi-faceted special events and filming expertise. He began his service as a firefighter for the City of New York, then went on to serve another three years as a firefighter for the City of Westminster, and finally as a firefighter for the City of Long Beach. He resides in Rossmore, CA with his daughter Jacqueline and son Jake. He has taken an active role with numerous community groups and City residents to further improve the established relationships with the Long Beach Fire Department.

DC Brandt has a bachelors degree in Occupational Studies with an emphasize on Life Safety from California State University Long Beach, and is a graduate of the California State Training Institute and has been certified by the State of California as a Public Information Officer for large scale incidents. Over his career, DC Brandt has provided strong public safety, business and political acumen with a focus on customer service through cross-organizational teamwork. He is passionate and committed about the Fire Service and how to best provide the highest levels of public safety.

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