Michael Horst (SME)

Mike is a retired Senior Battalion Chief with over 34 years of experience at the Harrisburg Bureau of Fire, an urban capital city in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Promoted through the ranks as firefighter, Lieutenant, Captain, and on to Senior Battalion Chief, Mike retired as both the Acting Deputy Chief of Operations and Acting Chief of the Department. Mike has served for many years as a member of one of our regions' most progressive volunteer fire departments as a firefighter through Assistant Chief and has been involved in the training of emergency responders for most of his 45 years in the fire service.

Mike is a retired member of the FEMA USAR PA-TF1 Urban Search and Rescue Team, where he served as a Task Force Safety Officer. Mike has been involved with FAST Rescue since the inception of the FAST Board and is currently FAST Rescue Solutions' Senior Director of Business Growth & Development as well as a lead training instructor. He also currently a member of the Paxtonia Fire Company in Harrisburg, PA.