

2019 Honorary Commander Induction Ceremony Bio

Troop 4, Bob Ricker, State Fire Commissioner and Owner-Baker's Hardware

Bob grew up in Georgetown, now lives in Millsboro. Married Teresa Baker in 1979, has two sons Jacob and Caleb and twin grand-daughters Addison & Grace.

Joined Georgetown Fire Company in 1975 and has served as Fire Chief, Deputy Chief, Assistant Chief, Vice-President and Board of Directors and currently serves as Secretary. Earned the honors of Fireman of the Year 2001 and Lifetime Fireman of the Year 2016 and is currently an active Associate member of Millsboro Fire Company. In 1998 Bob served as President of the Sussex County Fire Chief's Association.

Bob has many years of service to the State of Delaware as well, beginning 1986 as a Vehicle Rescue Instructor for the State Fire School and continues that commitment today. In 2002 Bob was appointed by Governor Minner to the State Fire Commission for a 6-year term and re-appointed by Governor Markel for an additional 6 years term, and elected as Chairman of the Commission in 2009. Bob also serves as a member of the Delaware Police Chief's Foundation. Bob served as Mayor of the Town of Georgetown for two terms, Vice-Mayor for one term and 5 years on the towns planning Commission. He is the Past President of the Sussex County Association of Towns and former member of the Delaware League of Local Government Executive Board.

In 1985, Bob and Teresa purchased the family business, Baker's Hardware in Millsboro, from Teresa's parents Vernon & Harriet Baker. During his career in the Hardware business Bob has served on the True Value Corporate Advertising Board, their Outdoor Power Equipment Advisory Board and the Husqvarna Dealer Advisory Board. Bob & Teresa, along with their two sons, Jacob and Caleb and a dedicated staff have transformed a small hardware store into one of the most successful Outdoor Power Equipment dealerships on the east coast of the Country. Bob is also a member of Franklin Masonic Lodge #12 where he currently serves as Master of the Lodge.

In his spare time Bob enjoys Bass Fishing, performing Oldies music with his band "The Cruzers" and watching Grace & Addison ride horses.