



Sons of The American Revolution
Fire Medal Awardee - 2022

Glenn E. Ruch Jr.

Glenn E. Ruch Jr., joined the Sykesville Freedom District Fire Department in 1990 and has served the department for the past 32 years. He is a graduate of the Carroll County Emergency Services Training (EST) the Carroll County Career and Technology Center where he received his initial training and state and national credentials as an EMT, Firefighter, Hazardous Materials and Technical rescuer.

Glenn, who is known as Eddie, has ascended through all the ranks within Sykesville Fire Department. Since 2010, he has held the rank of Fire Chief, the highest level in the organization where he commands all fire department operations. Chief Ruch has received many awards during his tenure, including the Shock Trauma Hero Award, and is consistently the top fire responder within the department.

Professionally, Chief Ruch entered the Maryland Office of the State Fire Marshall as a Deputy Fire Marshall. Following graduation and certification as a law enforcement officer, he was assigned throughout the state and investigated major fires. In 2008, Chief Ruch transitioned to the Frederick County Department of Fire Rescue Service where he was assigned as a fire investigator and was later promoted to the rank of Lieutenant. As an investigator, he is responsible for determining the origin and cause of fires and explosive incidents. He is qualified as an expert witness, coordinates the prosecution of fire related crimes and has been successful in attaining many criminal convictions.

In addition to his career and Sykesville duties, Chief Ruch has stepped up to the county level where he is currently appointed by the Carroll County Commissioners to the county's Emergency Services Advisory Council or ESAC. This group advises the Commissioners and the Director of the Department of Fire & EMS on matters related to the development and proficiency of our countywide Fire & EMS System. Chief Ruch also currently chairs the Fire Rescue Operations Committee of the county system where he leads the chiefs of the 14 fire companies of Carroll County on operational policy and procedures for the department. His volunteer duties are often 24/7 and without any compensation beyond missed dinners, family events and lost sleep!

According to Director Michael Robinson of the County Department of Fire & EMS: ***“Chief Ruch is a consummate professional with a passion for excellence and assuring continuity of quality fire/rescue and EMS throughout Carroll County!”***

When not involved in his many duties Chief Ruch can be found on the soccer field or spending quality time with his wife and children. A true community hero the Carroll County Chapter of the Son’s of the American Revolution confers upon Glenn E. Ruch Jr. their Fire Medal in recognition of outstanding service to his community and beyond!

