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Retired AFRD Captain Craig Simmons is the Program Director for the Atlanta Fire Rescue Foundation's AFRD Cadet Program. The AFRD Cadet Program is a six-month career exploration and youth pathway that introduces young men and women, ages 14-18, to careers in the fire and emergency medical services industries. Captain Simmons is responsible for recruiting interested students and overseeing the program.

In 2015, Capt. Simmons retired from the Atlanta Fire Rescue Department (AFRD) after 26.6 years of service to the citizens and visitors of the City of Atlanta. Simmons is a well-respected and admired Fire Captain and has trained and supervised numerous AFRD firefighters, including the current City of Atlanta Fire Rescue Chief Roderick M. Smith. Throughout his career with AFRD, Capt. Simmons worked at Atlanta Fire Rescue Stations 1, 4, 23, 29, 38 and at the Inspections Division. Simmons served AFRD in numerous roles and as a state certified instructor in the Atlanta Fire Rescue Training Division.

Capt. Simmons has a life-long passion for mentoring youth. He was an educator at Sammie Coan Middle School (now closed), and a beloved football coach at several Metro Atlanta high schools. He is an Advisory Board member for the Motivating Youth Fund in Macon, Georgia.

Beyond his career as an Atlanta firefighter and Foundation employee, Capt. Simmons leads a life of service through his roles as an Undergraduate Advisor of the Beta Psi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. at Clark Atlanta University, as well as President of Ivey Estates Homeowners Association. Simmons is a proud Henry County resident and is an appointee to the Henry County Board of Ethics.

Capt. Simmons has been married to his wife of 34 years, Robin Simmons, and has four adult children. In his spare time, he is an avid golfer and enjoys long-distance bike rides along many of Georgia's trails such as the Silver Comet, Panola Mountain, and South River Trail.

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