

Red Knights International Firefighters Motorcycle Club®  
International Board of Directors  
Nominee Profile  
Region 1 Director

- 1) Personal Profile
  - a) Name: Matthew Mattera
  - b) A.K.A. / Nick Name: Slappy
  - c) City, State / Province, Country: Green Creek, NJ USA
  - d) Other (optional):
- 2) Red Knights Information
  - a) Current Home Chapter: NJ 31
  - b) Positions Held at Chapter, State/ Provincial, International Level: NJ 31: President, Quartermaster, Road Captain. NJ State Association: President, Vice President. International: Currently the Region 1 Director
  - c) Years (total) In RKIFMC: 15
  - d) Other (optional):
- 3) Fire Service Affiliation
  - a) Name of Department(s): Green Creek Fire Company
  - b) Number of Years in Department(s): 9
  - c) Positions Held: Firefighter
  - d) Other (optional): Anglesea Fire Company (10 yrs.): Lieutenant, Firefighter. Rio Grande Fire Company (6 yrs): Lieutenant, Firefighter. Middle Township Fire District 2 (3 yrs.): Fire Commissioner, Treasurer
- 4) Platform For Election
  - a) Primary reason(s) for running: I was elected as the Region 1 Director in 2015 and have proudly served the members of Region 1. During this time, with the help of many great Red Knights, we have successfully improved communications within Region 1. By doing this, many more chapters are working together to achieve their goals and improve their charity work. I would like the opportunity to continue to make improvements within Region 1, encouraging chapters to strive for improvement.
  - b) Vision for future of RKIMC: This past year was a very difficult one due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. Sadly, many events were cancelled. However, I saw chapters adapt and think outside of the box. I believe that has made us stronger. With technology like Zoom or Google Meeting, we are never too far apart. This has also allowed your International Board to continue working hard, despite restrictions. I see a bright future, when things normalize, as we've learned and adapted. I encourage you to reach out and ask questions of your state reps, read the International Bylaws and SOGs. I plan to continue utilizing Zoom to meet with your state reps, improving communications and ensuring your voice is heard and that the message being sent to you is accurate. My goal, if elected, is to improve knowledge within in the membership. Simple, easy to read emails or short videos will be coming to you so you understand why we ask things of each chapter and how things operate. I hope by improving your knowledge, it will help with transparency of the International Board.
- 5) Other: I am currently employed as police sergeant and have 24 years in law enforcement. I have been a firefighter for over 26 years.