

Adam K. Thiel, Fire Commissioner, City of Philadelphia and Director, Philadelphia Office of Emergency Management

Adam K. Thiel became the 20th commissioner of the Philadelphia Fire Department in May 2016, and is responsible for leading its 3,000+ members in every facet of protecting the city from fires and emergencies arising from all hazards. Thiel also serves as Director of the Philadelphia Office of Emergency Management. His 28 years of field experience spans five states; before coming to Philadelphia, he held posts including Deputy Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security for the Commonwealth of Virginia and Chief of the Fire Department in Alexandria, Virginia. Thiel earned a master's degree in public administration from George Mason University, and has completed doctoral coursework in both public administration and public policy. He is a 2018 Eisenhower USA Fellow and a 2017 Leadership Philadelphia Fellow.