



Mr. YI, KON Profile

Hometown: Seoul Korea

Lead Fire Inspector. Adjunct Professor. Author. Columnist. Advisory Committee Member of National Fire Agency of Korea. Certified Doping Control Officer

As the Lead Fire Inspector of OSAN Air Base Fire Emergency Services, U.S. Air Force, Mr. YI, KON is responsible for fire prevention, design review, and public education programs.

He joined the OSAN Air Base Fire Emergency Services, U.S Air Force in 2005 after serving as a firefighter stationed at Camp PAGE, U.S. Army in Chunchon Korea. He also served for 6 years with the Guro Fire Department in Seoul, Korea.

From August 1995 to September 2001, Mr. YI, KON served as a Seoul City firefighter, where he was responsible for fire prevention, firefighting, and public affairs. He was the firefighter of U.S Army Camp PAGE from September 2001 to March 2005. He responded to many significant incidents, including the hazardous materials response as well as anthrax.

Mr. YI, KON received his Master of Science in Occupational Safety and Health from the Columbia Southern University in 2012 and a Bachelor Degree in Fire Science from the Columbia Southern University in 2005. He possesses 27 certificates including Fire Officer IV, Fire Inspector III, and Fire Instructor III from Department of Defense.

He served on the Korea Fire Protection Association Advisory Committee and he currently serves on the National Fire Agency of Korea Advisory Committee.

During his 25 years in fire service, he published several books and was recognized with many awards throughout his fire service career. OSAN Air Base Fire Emergency Services designated him as the 2019 Fire Officer of the Year, and he received the Police Commissioner and the Fire Commissioner Awards.

As the advisory committee member of the National Fire Agency of Korea, he provides his experience and knowledge in developing and implementing fire protection, fire prevention, fire training, and community risk reduction programs. He focuses on enhancing the ability of fire and emergency services and allied professionals to deal more effectively with fire and other emergencies.