

FULL BIOGRAPHY

Below you will find a full biography for Dr. Candice McDonald. A shortened biography is also available for introductions.

DR. CANDICE MCDONALD

Dr. Candice McDonald works for NASA in the Office of Protective Services as a special agent and physical security specialist. In addition to NASA, she is also an adjunct faculty member with Eastern Gateway Community College and the University of Arkansas. Prior to working at NASA, she was the program coordinator for the Research Center for Educational Technology at Kent State University. Before joining Kent State, she spent six years working for the State of Ohio in marketing. Prior to that, she spent over ten years as a state licensed counselor and case manager in the mental health and substance abuse field.

She has served as a volunteer for almost two decades in emergency services. She is a certified firefighter, fire inspector, EMT, EMS CE Instructor, EMS Chief (Ret.) and TIM Instructor. She had the honor of being the first female to join her fire service organization and first female officer. She is the 1st Vice President of the Cumberland Valley Volunteer Firemen's Association, a trustee with Women in Fire, a member of the Fire Engineering/FDIC Advisory Board and serves on the Congressional Fire Services Institute National Advisory Committee. She also passionately serves the National Volunteer Fire Council as the appointed Fire Corps State Advocate.

She is the founder of Success Up Life, LLC. a consulting organization focused on leadership and team development. Her engaging and honest approach to achieving outcomes has led her to contribute to numerous magazine publications, research documents, college textbooks, professional handbooks, and speak internationally.

In addition to numerous certifications, Dr. McDonald holds a doctor of business administration with a specialty in homeland security, a master's in organizational leadership, a bachelor's in organizational management, and an associate's in health & human services.

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