

Manny Chavez

Bio



After graduating High School in 1976, Manny served in the U.S. Navy for 4 years as a shipboard firefighter/damage control officer and was honorably discharged 2nd Class Petty Officer. He joined the Fire Department at Jet Propulsion Laboratories, Pasadena in 1983. In 1986 he became Deputy State Fire Marshal for the State of California. As Fire Marshal he managed the State's Film Division which oversaw the State's pyrotechnic special effects licensing program which issued licenses to Hollywood's Special Effects Supervisors, and where he conducted inspections and investigations on film and TV sets throughout California.

During his fire service career he received a B.S. Degree in Fire Protection and Master's Degree in Public Administration from CSU Los Angeles & Northridge. In 1995 he joined Aon/Ruben Entertainment Insurance as Vice President where he supervised action films w/pyrotechnics, special effects, stunts and high risk exposures for Disney Studios & Touchstone Pictures. 200+ films and 8 years later, he became Associate Producer on the film "Ladder 49" with John Travolta and Joaquin Phoenix. This work led to being a consultant on many other entertainment productions where insurance, safety, regulatory, unique risk exposures, claims and litigation suited his experience.

In 2007, he joined Princess Cruises/Carnival Corporation Legal Department where he currently manages Insurance & Risk Management for 4 Cruise lines (Princess Cruises, Holland America, Seabourn & P&O Australia) and their global operations.

Manny currently serves as President, LA RIMS Chapter.

Married 28 yrs. w/2 kids, after work you can find him on a road bike cycling wherever the bike will take him.