

# 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. He was honorably discharged as 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 that issued licenses to Hollywood's Special Effects Supervisors and conducted inspections and investigations within major film studios and 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 Insurance & Disney Studio Risk Management as Vice President where he supervised action films w/pyrotechnics, special effects, stunts and high risk exposures. 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/Carnival Corporation where he currently manages the Insurance & Risk Management Department for 4 Cruise lines (Princess Cruises, Holland America, Seabourn & P&O Australia) and their global operations.

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