Mara Zaver

Assistant Chief

CAL FIRE Madera-Mariposa-Merced Unit

Mara began her career in 1997 as a Seasonal Fire Firefighter at Sand Creek FFS in the Fresno-Kings Unit. She worked both Schedule B and Schedule A as a Firefighter 1. In 2001, she promoted to a LT Fire Apparatus Engineer at Del Rey, Station 82 in Fresno County. She spent six years as an FAE and working on the West Side of Fresno County. In 2007, she promoted to Fire Captain and spent three years working in the Fresno-Kings Emergency Command Center. After the ECC, she spent her time at Piedra FFS during fire season and Headquarters Station 84 during the Winter. In 2013 she transferred into the Pre-Fire position and spend the next two years leaning about fuel projects, Cal Mapper, and the Fire Plan.

In 2015, Mara promoted into the Tulare Unit as the Emergency Command Center Battalion Chief. She transferred into the Fresno-Kings Unit in 2017 and spent 15 months as the ECC Battalion Chief in Fresno-Kings. In November 2018, she moved into the field as B4312 covering Blasingame FFS & Shaver Lake FFS. In May 2020, Mara promoted to the Madera Mariposa Merced unit as the Assistant Chief of Administration.

Mara has been involved on the cadre for C-420 (Command and General Staff), and AAIM (Advanced All-Hazards Incident Management) cadres since 2018.

Mara has been assigned to Incident Management Teams for the past fifteen years. She has functioned as a PROC, COST, TIME, & COST with CAL FIRE IMT 10. When the department transitioned into six statewide team, she became the Finance Section Chief trainee on IMT 3. In 2018 she moved to IMT 4 as the Deputy Finance Section and then then transitioned into the Finance Section Chief role. In 2023 she moved over to the Liaison Section and is proudly serving that role with IMT 4.