

Steven Ward

Assistant Chief

CALFIRE Madera-Mariposa-Merced Unit

Steven began his career in 1991 as a Seasonal Fire Firefighter in TCU. In 1994 he left CAL FIRE for full time work with private ambulance. In 1997 he became a Paramedic working in both rural setting (Mariposa County) and urban (City of Modesto/Stanslaus County). In 1998 he promoted to Paramedic/Supervisor for private ambulance in Mariposa County. In 1999 he returned to CAL FIRE in the Riverside Unit as a Fire Fighter II/Paramedic assigned to Battalion 12 working within the Cove Cities of Palm Desert, Rancho Mirage, Indian Wells.

In 2000 he promoted to LT Engineer in the Madera-Mariposa-Merced Unit Coulterville Station, then in 2001 returned as a Permanent Fire Fighter II/Paramedic to Riverside Unit working in Indo then Desert Center as part of the Riverside Unit first Paramedic Engine. In 2001 promoted to Permanent Engineer back to the Madera-Mariposa-Merced Unit Headquarters Station.

In 2005 he promoted to LT Fire Captain then Permanent Fire Captain in 2006 working at Mariposa Headquarters until 2011 when he promoted to Battalion Chief assigned to the Emergency Command Center. In 2014 he transferred to the Coulterville Battalion (North/West Mariposa County). In 2019 he promoted to Assistant Chief with oversight of the Mariposa County Fire Department under Cal Fire agreement as well as Mariposa County SRA.

Steven was assigned to Incident Management Teams for Sixteen years. He has functioned as RESL, DMOB with CAL FIRE IMT 8, then moved to IMT 5 during the reorganization as Deputy PSC, then into the Ops section in 2016 where he functioned as a Branch and then Operations. He has completed S-420 and CIMC. Steven has been a part of AAIM beginning with the Sim Cell as a Technical Specialist in 2010 and 2012, Sim Cell Coordinator 2017, then into an instructor role in 2019.