

Bob Counts

Assistant Chief

CAL FIRE Nevada-Yuba-Placer Unit

Bob Counts started his career in 1995 as a Seasonal Firefighter 1 in the Amador El Dorado Unit. In October of 2001 he promoted to Permanent Engineer in AEU at the Cameron Park Cooperative Schedule A agreement. In 2008 Bob promoted to Fire Captain in AEU at the Camino Interagency Command Center. In 2012 Bob transferred to Fire Captain at Garden Valley Station in AEU. In 2014 Bob promoted to Battalion Chief in AEU at the Cameron Park Cooperative Schedule A agreement, and subsequently in 2017 transferred to Battalion 2 in AEU. In the Spring of 2019, Bob transferred to the Nevada Yuba Placer Unit and was assigned as a Battalion Chief in the Placer County Fire Department Cooperative Schedule A agreement serving Western Placer County. In January 2023 Bob promoted to Assistant Chief, East Division Operations of the Nevada Yuba Placer Unit overseeing three Field Battalions and Placer Center CCC Camp.

Bob has been involved with CAL FIRE Incident Management Teams since 2013 holding the positions of Cost Unit Leader, Procurement Unit Leader, Finance Section Chief Trainee, Deputy Finance Section Chief and is currently assigned as an Incident Commander Trainee on CAL FIRE IMT4. Bob has also held the positions of Finance Section Chief, Operations Section Chief and Incident Commander on the Sacramento Regional All Hazards Incident Management Team.

Bob has been on numerous instructional cadres throughout his career including C-300 Initial Attack Incident Commander, C-400 Extended Attack to Major Incident Commander, CAL FIRE ECC Academy, California ROSS Cadre, Firefighter Safety and Survival, Procurement Unit Leader, USFA O-305 All Hazards Incident Management, and Advanced All Hazards Incident Management (AAIM).