

Joey Felix

Battalion Chief

CAL FIRE Madera-Mariposa-Merced Unit

Joey began his career in the Fire Service as a Merced County Paid Call Firefighter (PCF) at Los Banos Station 71 in 1998. In June 2000, he became a Firefighter I in San Mateo/Santa Cruz Unit assigned to the Jameson Creek Fire Station. In April 2001, Joey was hired as a Firefighter I at the Los Banos Forest Fire Station. In 2002, Joey then promoted to Limited Term Fire Apparatus Engineer for CAL FIRE/Merced County Fire Department working at several stations within Battalion 17. During this time Joey became a Haz Mat Technician and a member of the Merced County Hazardous Materials Team. Joey accepted a permanent Fire Apparatus Engineer position at Merced County Fire Station 71 in 2006 and then went on to work as a Schedule B Fire Apparatus Engineer at Los Banos Forest Fire Station in 2007.

In 2008, Joey accepted a Limited Term Captain position with Santa Clara Unit at Morgan Hill Headquarters. During this time Joey received his Company Officer Certification. In 2009 Joey promoted to a Permanent Fire Captain at Santa Clara Unit at Morgan Hill Headquarters.

During the winter months of 2009/2010 Joey worked in the Santa Clara Training Bureau as the JAC Coordinator. In 2011, Joey transferred back to CAL FIRE Merced County Station 71. During this time Joey and his partner established the Merced County Technical Rescue Program and was able to get the certification for a Type II Rescue Team. In 2016, Joey transferred to schedule B working out of the Los Banos F.F.S. In 2018 Joey transferred into the Mariposa Emergency Command Center.

In June 2020, Joey Accepted a Battalion Chief position with Madera-Mariposa-Merced Unit as the Units Safety Officer. In this position Joey oversaw the IIPP Program for the Unit and all things involving Safety. November of 2020, Joey transferred to the Los Banos Battalion, Joey oversees 5 Merced County Stations and 1 State Fire Station. Joey also is overseeing a 25-person Type 2 OES Rescue team.

Joey has been active in the MMU Training Bureau as well a committee member for the Safety Committee, Equipment Committee and Special Ops Committee. In April of 2021 Joey became an Operations Branch Director (OPBD)for IMT 1 and now has worked his way up to the rank of Operations Section Chief Type 1 (OSC1). Joey is also currently a member for 300 Cadre Initial Attack to Extended Attack Incident Commander.