

Monty Smith

Unit Chief

CAL FIRE Tehama-Glenn Unit

Monty started his CAL FIRE career in 1996 in the Mendocino Unit as a FF1. In 1999 Monty promoted to LT FAE, and in 2001 accepted a permanent FAE position working at numerous stations and the ECC within the Mendocino Unit. In May of 2005 Monty promoted to TAU FC in the Howard Forest ECC then transferred to Tehama Glenn Unit in early 2006 as an FAE at Paynes Creek Fire Station. In May of 2006 Monty promoted to LT FC at Paynes Creek Fire Station. In July of 2006 Monty accepted a permanent FC position in the Red Bluff ECC then transferred back to the field in 2008 assigned to the Paskenta Fire Station, Elk Creek Fire Station, and Red Bluff Headquarters Fire Station, working in the Training Bureau, Schedule A, and Amador in the winter months until 2013.

In 2013 Monty promoted to Battalion Chief and was assigned to several functions as a Battalion Chief in the Tehama Glenn Unit, including Battalion 4, Battalion 2, and the Relief/Administration Battalion. In 2021 Monty promoted to Assistant Chief of the West Division and Salt Creek Conservation Camp in the Tehama Glenn Unit. In 2023 Monty promoted to the Tehama Glenn Unit Chief and Tehama County Fire Department Fire Chief. Monty is member of multiple committees and working groups locally in the Unit and statewide. Monty is a registered State Fire Marshal Fire Instructor and has been a member of multiple cadres including the Coast Incident Management 2 Cadre, Incident Management 3 Cadre, IM3 to C300/C400 Curriculum Development Working Group, C400 Extended Attack to Major Incident Cadre Lead, AAIM Cadre, and a Firescope Working Group.

Monty joined the CAL FIRE Type 1 Incident Management Teams in 2010 working in the Plans Section of ICT4 until 2013. In 2017 Monty returned to IMT's and was assigned as a Type 1 Operations Section Chief on CAL FIRE Incident Management Team 4 until 2022. In 2022 Monty then served as an Incident Commander Trainee on CAL FIRE Incident Management Team 1 and in 2023 Monty served as the Deputy Incident Commander on CAL FIRE IMT1.

Monty has been a part of AAIM beginning with the Sim Cell as a Technical Specialist in 2013, Sim Cell Coordinator for several years, then into an instructor role in 2022 and now Cadre Lead.

