

Brandon Gunn

Unit Chief

CAL FIRE Mendocino Unit

Chief Gunn began his fire service career in 1998 as a Volunteer Firefighter with Laytonville Volunteer Fire Department. Brandon was hired in 2000 as a seasonal Firefighter I in the Mendocino Unit (MEU). In 2002, he was hired and worked as a S.W.A.T /Rescue Paramedic in Fresno. In 2004, Brandon moved to San Luis Obispo and worked at the Pismo Beach Fire Department as an Ocean Lifeguard and Firefighter.

In 2008, he returned to CAL FIRE, working in San Luis Obispo and San Mateo Santa Cruz Units in Schedule A contracts as a Fire Apparatus Engineer/Paramedic. Brandon transferred back to MEU in 2011, working at several Fire Stations, in the Camp Program as a Fire Captain B, and in Fire Prevention as a Peace Officer in the Pre-Fire Engineer position.

He served as a Battalion Chief in Command and Control, and in the field with duties including VMP Operations.

Chief Gunn promoted to Assistant Chief in 2020, and has held the positions of Parlin Fork Camp Chief, Administrative Officer, Operations/VMP Coordinator, oversight for the Jackson Demonstration Forest, Deputy Chief of Fire Protection Operations, and recently accepted the MEU Unit Chief position.

Brandon served for 3 years with CAL FIRE Incident Management Team 1 as a qualified Type I Liaison and currently serves as an Incident Commander trainee. He is also the lead for the CAL FIRE AREP/Liaison cadre, served on the statewide Hiring Working Group, serves on the Advanced All-Hazards Incident Management Cadre, and helps instruct the CAL FIRE Incident Commander class.