

ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY

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OCFA Promotes Mark Kramer to Division Chief

Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA) Fire Chief Chip Prather has announced that Mark Kramer has been promoted to the rank of Division Chief. Chief Kramer is a resident of Temecula.

A Division Chief directs the day-to-day operations of a firefighting force in a large geographical area. They are responsible for planning, directing, coordinating and supervising the work of a suppression division, which includes two battalions.

Chief Kramer has 28 years of fire service experience in a wide variety of assignments. Before being promoted to Division Chief, Mark served as OCFA's Urban Search & Rescue Program Manager. Mark has also served as OCFA's Emergency Medical Services Section Battalion Chief and the Project Manager for several of its emergency service proposals to other departments.

In addition, Mark has served in many other positions with the OCFA as a firefighter, paramedic, captain, investigator, hazmat team member, training officer and field battalion chief. Chief Kramer has also served on a Federal Incident Command Team with the United States Forest Service.

Mark has a Bachelors Degree from California State University, Long Beach, and is a graduate of OCFA's Leadership Institute.

The Orange County Fire Authority is a joint powers authority that serves as the all-risk emergency response agency for 1.3 million Orange County residents in 22 cities and the unincorporated areas of the county.