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CAL FIRE/Riverside County Fire Department Welcomes New Information Officer



CAL FIRE/Riverside County Fire Department Public Affairs Bureau welcomes newly assigned Public Information Officer, Fire Captain Lucas Spelman.

Spelman has been in the fire service for 18 years. His experience includes several assignments with CAL FIRE Riverside and San Bernardino Units and the US Forest Service.

Lucas began his fire service career in October 1995 as a volunteer firefighter at Calimesa Fire Station 21. In June of 1996, he worked for the US Forest Service, where he was assigned to Lytle Creek Fire Station 31 and Mormon Rocks Fire Station 33 as a Forestry Aid, Forestry Tech, and Second Driver.

In 1998, Spelman was hired by California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) as a Firefighter I at the Yucaipa Forestry Fire Station. In June of 2001 he worked as a Limited Term Firefighter II and a Limited Term Fire Apparatus Engineer in the San Bernardino Unit (BDU). In late 2001, he accepted a permanent appointment as a Firefighter II at Station 50 in the City of Rancho Mirage. A year later he returned to BDU for a Limited Term Fire Apparatus Engineer position in Devore and Crestline.

In 2003, Spelman accepted a permanent Fire Apparatus Engineer position at Station 55 in Indian Wells. Several years later, he transferred to Palm Desert Truck 33 before accepting a Limited Term Captain position in BDU at Lucerne and Phelan Forestry Fire Stations. In September 2006, he promoted to permanent Fire Captain at Station 12 in Temecula. In June 2009, he transferred to BDU Station 551 in Yucaipa. He then returned to the CAL FIRE Riverside Unit as a Health and Safety Officer at Ben Clark Training Center.

Spelman has well-rounded experience in many fields, including Health and Safety, Training that will benefit the growth of the CAL FIRE/Riverside County Fire Department Public Affairs Bureau team; which include Senior Public Information Specialist, Jody Hagemann and Public Safety Information Specialists Jennifer Fuhrman and April Newman.

Captain Spelman was recently honored with the CAL FIRE Director's Award for contributions to his High Rise Operations training course.

On his off-duty time, Spelman enjoys spending time with his family; including his wife, Heather and children Isabella and Noah.

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