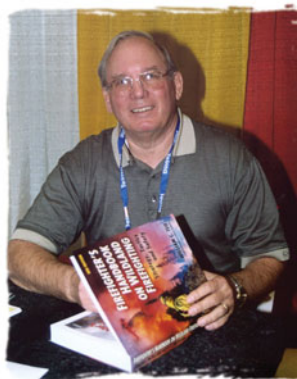


About the Team

William C. Teie— Bill retired from the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) after a successful 34-year career. He worked up through the ranks from seasonal firefighter to Deputy Director for Fire Protection. In this position, he was responsible for all of the fire protection programs within CAL FIRE.

Chief Teie was very active in the California fire service. He was on the Board of Directors of the California Fire Chiefs Association, and was President in 1986-87. He is also a charter member of the USA branch of the Institute of Fire Engineers.

He is the author of the *Firefighter's Handbook on Wildland Firefighting*, *Fire Officer's Handbook on Wildland Firefighting*, *Wildland Firefighting Fundamentals*, the series of *Fire in the West* reports, and has developed several training and operational aids for the firefighter. In 2004, two of his books were published in South Africa; the *Fire Manager's Handbook on Veld and Forest Fires* and the *Veld and Forest Firefighting Fundamentals*.



Author and Publisher

Author and Technical Editor

Brian F. Weatherford—Brian retired from the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection after a 35-year fire service career in which he held every position from firefighter to chief. At the time of his retirement, he was the Chief of the Madera-Mariposa-Merced Unit of CAL FIRE.

This unit provided wildland and structural fire protection, EMS, and HazMat services to about 65,000 residents in a three-county area of 2.6 million acres.

A third generation firefighter and graduate of Humboldt State University, Chief Weatherford has fought major wildfires in Alaska, Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Wyoming, and Montana as well as in California. He served as the CAL FIRE Agency Representative to the Yellowstone Complex forest fires in 1988.

He is currently an author and editor of wildland fire articles and books, and a fire protection consultant working primarily with local government fire departments on strategic master plans, program reviews and budgeting issues



Author, Technical Editor and International Relations

Timothy M. Murphy—Tim retired as the Chief of Fire and Aviation for the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation after 32 successful years. In this position for 18½ years he oversaw all fire and aviation functions for the Department. Tim graduated from the University of Montana with a BS degree in Forestry.

He has served 20 years as a volunteer firefighter, attaining the rank of Captain and Chief with the West Helena Valley Rural Fire District and Firefighter III with the Missoula Rural Fire District.

Chief Murphy is very active within the Fire Service. He was on the Board of Directors of the Montana Fire Chiefs Association. He also was on the NWCG Incident Operations Working Team and the liaison to the Canadian ICS Working Team.



He has traveled to Australia, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, South Africa and Sri Lanka sharing the Incident Command System. Tim is the past Co-Chair, Emergency Preparedness Committee - Argentina/Montana Partners of the Americas. He is currently a member of the South African ICS Working Team, where ICS will be considered for adoption by several African countries.

Tim is currently working for the USDA Forest Service and is assigned to one of the four national Area Command Teams. He is a member of the Rocky Mountaineers as an avid backpacker and climber.

Dave Hubert— Dave has been in the fire service for 30 years. Dave started as a firefighter with CAL FIRE, and when he retired, he was a captain with the Orange County Fire Authority. Dave has served as training officer, fire prevention inspector, and fire defense coordinator (specializing in community fire defense programs).

Dave is dedicated to his family, and enjoys fire service artwork and working with his horse-drawn steam fire engine with his wife, Barbara, and their dog, “Blaze.”



Cartoonist

Kari Greer—U.S.A.-based location photographer Kari Greer began her career in photography in the mid-1990’s during college at CSU Sacramento where she studied Photography and Film Production. At that time she took several overseas assignments from clients desiring travelogue-type coverage of places like Spain, Morocco, Bali, and Iceland. Her work in fire photography arose after several college summers (1994 to 1997) working as a wildland firefighter for the USDA Forest Service on the Gifford-Pinchot National Forest. She maintains Red-Card qualifications and is currently under contract to the National Interagency Fire.



Allen Biggs

Photographer

Wes Schultz—Wes started his fire service career as a seasonal firefighter by the California Division of Forestry in the Siskiyou County in 1966. He promoted to engineer in 1967 and left CAL FIRE after the 1968 fire season.

Photographer

He was hired as a firefighter by Arcade. During his fire service career, he held the rank of firefighter, engineer, station captain, training captain, battalion chief in the field and in charge of training as Chief in charge of Operations. Wes retired from the Sacramento Metropolitan Fire Protection District in 2000. In retirement he signed on as a volunteer with CAL FIRE and is considered the “official photographer” for Headquarters in Sacramento.



Kari Greer