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**Pride in
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Faith in
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***City of Monterey Park
Battalion Chief Resume***

Professional Experience

Summary of Qualifications

- 22 Years of Fire Service Experience
- Positive Relationship with Governmental Officials
- Diverse Fire Service Background
- Contributor of Many Fire Service Programs and Proposals
- Self Motivated, Reliable, and Responsible
- Enjoys Challenges, Opportunity, and Innovative Ideas

4/1995—Present: Fire Captain, Monterey Park Fire Department

- Department Staffing Administrator, "Tele Staff"
- Department Instructor in:
 - Building Construction
 - Ventilation Practices & Procedures
 - Multi-victim Incidents
 - Recruit Training
 - Blood Borne Pathogens
- Assisted in Development of the City of Monterey Park Emergency Operations Center
- Qualified "Move-up" Battalion Chief



Former Responsibilities:

- Paramedic Coordinator
- EMT Instructor
- Department Purchasing Agent for Ladder Truck
- Chair – Firefighter Protective Hearing Device Committee
- Medical Equipment Purchasing Agent

1/1994 – 1995: Monterey Park Fire Department
Fire Apparatus Engineer

1/1988 – 1994: Monterey Park Fire Department
Firefighter / Paramedic

5/1983 – 1988: Monterey Park Fire Department
Firefighter

Education

Cal State University at Long Beach
Long Beach, CA

Bachelor of Science Degree, Occupational Studies
Completion Date: May, 2006

Rio Hondo College
Whittier, CA

Associate of Science Degree in Fire Science
Completion Date: December, 2006



Training & Certifications

California State Fire Marshall Training:

- Certified Fire Officer
- Leadership in EMS Management
- Certified EMT Instructor
- Certified Chief Officer,
(expected Spring 2007)
- Firefighter I, II

Certificates Through Local Jurisdictions

- Red Card Certified Engine Boss
- Strike Team Leader Trainee Qualified
- I 130, 200, 220, 300, 334
- S 231, 290
- Emergency Response to Terrorism
- Emergency Medical Technician - Paramedic

Awards and Honors

- 1988 Monterey Park Fire Department "Firefighters of the Year"
- 1993 City of Monterey Park Commendation for Firefighting the Fire Storms of Malibu and Laguna Beach
- 2001 Commendation from Monterey Park Police Department for Assistance in Apprehension of Two Suspects Defacing Private Property
- 2005 City of Monterey Park, Certificate of Appreciation for Customer Service to the Community During 2005 Rainstorms

References

*Marc Revere, Fire Chief
City of Mountain View
(650) 903-6365*

*Tim Murphy, Fire Chief (Ret)
City of Monterey Park
(626) 574-0404*

*Chuck Christiansen,
Battalion Chief (Ret)
City of Monterey Park
(928) 776-9601*

*Bruce Stedman, Battalion Chief
City of Alhambra
(626) 570-5199*

*Tom Oesterreich, Attorney at Law
(562) 807-9968*

*Gary Meek, Athletic Director
Esperanza High School
(714) 779-0034*

*Chris Donovan, Battalion Chief
City of Monterey Park Fire Department
(626) 307-1270*



Professional Organizations & Community Service

- California Fire Chiefs Association
- California State Firefighters' Association
- Monterey Park Firefighters' Association, Local 3625
- Principle Author of Monterey Park Fire Department's Ground Ladder Training Manual
- Created City Staff Report for Development of New Fire Stations
- Little League Coach
- Career Day Volunteer, Bernardo Yorba Junior High, Five Consecutive Years
- Esperanza High School Football Booster Club President

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