

Larry Edward Grafft

Larry began his career with the California Department of Forestry (now CAL FIRE) on June 23, 1983 as a Firefighter I in the Mendocino Unit. Larry held various ranks including Fire Apparatus Engineer, Fire Crew Supervisor, Fire Captain and Battalion Chief while assigned in Mendocino. During his fire control career, he also became a Peace Officer in 1998 and a devoted 15 year member of Mendocino County SWAT.

Larry promoted to the rank of Assistant Chief for the California Northern Region in charge of Law Enforcement. Larry was known for his tireless work ethic, integrity and his strong support and mentoring of his fellow Law Enforcement and CAL FIRE employees.

Besides work, Larry enjoyed hunting, fishing and snowboarding.

Larry retired as an Assistant Chief with 30 years of service and died of job related cancer at the age of 50 in 2015.