

Sara Felix Thomas

Sara began her 16 year firefighting career on May 15, 2000 as a Firefighter I and spent the next 8 years working for CAL FIRE in the San Diego, San Benito-Monterey and Riverside Units. Sara promoted to the rank of Firefighter II in the Riverside Unit where she spent most of her career serving the citizens of the Coachella Valley until her passing.

Sara is remembered by her friends and co-workers as a loving mother and a genuine person that was always willing to help anyone in need. Sara typifies what it means to be a firefighter and what they represent. Peers said Thomas had a strong presence behind the scenes and often played the part of "mama bear" who looked after her cubs. She both cared for and scolded her cubs when they stepped out of line.

Sara was an amazing warrior, and she fought to the very end. She is survived by her husband, and daughters, and will be dearly missed by her family and friends.

Sara Thomas, a 41-year-old CAL FIRE Firefighter passed away on January 31, 2017 after a yearlong and courageous battle with job related cancer.