

Patrick Carpenter

Pat began his career for CDF (now CAL Fire) in January 1972 as a CDF Firefighter in Orange County, California. Six months later, Pat promoted to the rank of Fire Apparatus Engineer spending the next 3 years with assignments in the San Diego and San Bernardino Units.

In June of 1975, Pat promoted to Fire Captain where Pat was assigned to a multitude of assignments where he excelled as a Truck Captain, found a passion for Fire Prevention and public outreach while assigned to Orange County Fire. Pat also took the opportunity to accept assignments as a Fire Crew Supervisor in San Bernardino Unit at the Inyo Ecology Center where when not fighting fire, worked extensively on the Pacific Crest Trail and in Death Valley National Park and later in Nevada, Yuba, Placer Unit where Pat utilized his skills as a General Engineering Contractor to build and repair numerous facilities for CDF including his prize project, the Fire Prevention Gazebo at the Nevada County Fairgrounds visited by over 70,000 visitors each year. One of Pat's favorite assignments as a Fire Captain was his assignment at the Grass Valley Air Attack Base and the opportunity to fly as an Air Tactical Officer coordinating Fire Fighting Aircraft.

In December 1987, Pat promoted to Battalion Chief in the Shasta-Trinity Unit. During the same month of his promotion, while undergoing a Department required physical exam, Pat was diagnosed with Sarcoma, a connective tissue disease. A short 5 months later at the age of 41, Pat lost his battle with Cancer.

Pat was an avid outdoorsman, who liked hunting, fishing, snow and water skiing and motorcycle riding especially with his family and friends.