

Chief Roger Rinehart began his career in 1999 with the City of Pismo Beach Fire Department as a Reserve Firefighter. In 2003, he became a Paramedic and worked for American Medical Response (AMR) Ambulance Company in Santa Barbara County. After gaining experience with AMR, he went to work for the San Luis Ambulance Service where he still works today part-time as a Paramedic.

In 2007, Chief Rinehart accepted a Limited Term (LT) Firefighter II (Paramedic) position in the San Luis Obispo Unit (SLU) and worked at the Los Osos Fire Station. In 2010, he accepted a Firefighter II position in the San Benito-Monterey Unit (BEU), and in 2011, he went back to San Luis as a Fire Apparatus Engineer. In 2012, he accepted a Fire Apparatus Engineer (Paramedic) position in San Luis. In 2016, he accepted a LT Fire Captain position in the SLU's Schedule "B" Program, and shortly after accepting the San Luis Obispo Unit LT Fire Captain position, Roger promoted to a permanent Fire Captain (Paramedic) position in the Monte Vista Unit (San Diego) and remained there until he transferred to Monterey as a Fire Captain in 2018. Chief Rinehart promoted to Battalion Chief of the EMS Bureau in April of 2020 for the San Benito-Monterey Unit where he is still currently assigned.

Between 2011-2016, Chief Rinehart served as the SLU CPR/AED Coordinator and as a Paramedic Field Training Officer. During Chief Rinehart's time in the San Diego Unit as a Fire Captain Paramedic he served as the EMS Coordinator for his Battalion. Chief Rinehart also has a California State Fire Marshal (CSFM) Fire Officer Certification and is a registered CSFM Instructor in multiple disciplines.

Respectfully,

Roger Rinehart

Battalion Chief - 4617- EMS Coordinator

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