



**Chuck Tobias | Assistant Fire Chief | Special Operations- Hazmat  
Fire and Rescue | Cal OES**

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Chuck has served in emergency response and management roles internationally, regionally, and locally. Chuck began his second career with Cal OES 7 ½ years ago. He is tasked with program management of the Cal OES Regional Hazardous Materials Response Program consisting of 12 Type 1 hazardous materials response vehicles. He also responds as a Subject Matter Expert throughout the State to hazardous materials releases and CBRN incidents for Cal OES.

Chuck joined the Cal OES Fire and Rescue Division following a 36 year career with the Fresno City Fire Department. Working for a large municipal fire department with an extremely busy emergency response load and his diverse background have provided Chuck with numerous opportunities to serve with national, State, regional, and local jurisdictions. He has represented Fresno, the State of California and FEMA Regions VIII, IX, and X at many meetings and conferences. He developed three Type 1 Hazmat Response Teams, one Type 1 USAR Team in Fresno.

Chief Tobias was a paramedic from 1984 -1994 and a Hazardous Materials Specialist since 2000. He developed a High Rise Training Program for the Central Valley and subsequently became a member of the FIRESCOPE High Rise Specialist Group from 2004-2017 and became the Chair from 2014-2017. Chief Tobias has worked on many local, state, and national committees. He became a member of the FIRESCOPE Haz Mat Specialist Group in 2018 where he works with an elite group of motivated fire service professionals.

Chief Tobias is married and has two adult children. He resides in Fresno, CA.

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### **Education & Accomplishments**

Chief Tobias graduated Summa Cum Laude from Columbia Southern University with a Bachelor's Degree in Fire Science. Among his many accomplishments, Chief Tobias received Firefighter of the Year awards from the East Kiwanis in 1998 and from Care Fresno in 2000. He was also awarded the Leo Najarian Responder of the Year in 2008 at the Continuing Challenge, CSFA Lifetime Achievement Award in 2019 and Innovation and Technology Award in 2023.

