THE LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT

EMERGENCY OPERATIONS

Vincent R. Alvarado is the Los Angeles Fire Department's Chief Deputy of Emergency Operations, responsible for department-wide operational readiness and citywide emergency response. In this role, he provides executive leadership and strategic oversight for the Department's four Geographic Bureaus: Operations Valley, Central, South, and West, as well as the Emergency Medical Services Bureau, Special Operations Division, Los Angeles World Airport Division, and the Metro Fire Communications Division. These commands collectively manage daily emergency response operations for one of the nation's busiest and most complex fire service environments, protecting nearly four million residents across more than 470 square miles in the City of Los Angeles.

Chief Alvarado began his career with the Los Angeles Fire Department in 2002 and has served in a wide range of operational and leadership assignments throughout the organization, promoting through the ranks of Firefighter, Engineer, Captain I, Captain II, Battalion Chief, and Assistant Chief. Throughout his career, he was selected for several key administrative assignments, including In-Service Training Section Driving Coordinator, Emergency Operations Liaison, Emergency Operations Executive Officer, and Training Division Commander. He has also served in key leadership roles during major incidents and large-scale civic events as a Strike Team Leader and member of the Department's Field Incident Management Team.

Chief Alvarado's leadership philosophy is centered on developing people, shaping change, building lasting relationships, and achieving results that strengthen both the Department and the communities it serves.

He is a proud graduate of Servite High School and holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences from the University of California, Irvine, as well as an Associate of Arts degree in Fire Technology from Santa Ana College.

Chief Alvarado remains devoted to supporting the members of the Los Angeles Fire Department while ensuring the organization remains prepared to serve and protect the communities of Los Angeles.

The primary responsibility of Emergency Operations is to lead, direct, coordinate and control all emergency line functions of the LAFD. This includes the Four Geographic Emergency Operations Bureaus, Emergency Medical Service (EMS) Bureau and Medical Director, Metropolitan Fire Communications (MFC) Division, Homeland Security Division, and Air Operations Section. Other responsibilities include:

- Responding to Major Emergencies and other incidents as an Incident Commander or Agency Administrator.
- Representing the Fire Chief at City Council, Council Committees and various governmental agency meetings as directed.
- Representing the Fire Department as a member of the FIRESCOPE Operations Team and Los Angeles Area Fire Chiefs Operations Team.
- Assigning and overseeing the work of various projects, work groups, and Department committees.
- Acting as a liaison between the Fire Department and management personnel of other City Departments.
- Conducting pre-disciplinary hearings and making appropriate recommendations to the Fire Chief of corrective action.