Bernie Molloy has been in the fire service for 26 years, working through every rank at the Lakeside Fire Protection District in San Diego County, where he spent over 22 years before becoming the Fire Chief of Murrieta Fire & Rescue in March of 2022. He has focused largely on EMS, training, and fire department operations throughout his career and is now actively working on advocating for fire-based EMS on the Emergency Medical Services Policy Advisory Committee.

Chief Molloy maintains his Paramedic license, holds a master's degree in emergency services management, is a CPSE-credentialed Chief Fire Officer, and is a graduate of the National Fire Academy's Executive Fire Officer Program, where his research focused on EMS transport models in California and preparing and evacuating communities in advance of wildfires.

Bernie has served in several professional capacities throughout his time as a Chief Officer. He was a member of the San Diego County Fire Chiefs EMS Section for six years, serving as president from 2017-2021. Once moving to the Fire Chief role in Murrieta, Chief Molloy took on the position of Secretary for the Riverside County Fire Chiefs Association and moved to the President role in January of 2024. Chief Molloy has also been an active member of the California Fire Chiefs Association since 2016, serving as the EMS Section President, the Southern Division Director, President-Elect, and is now the president of the California Fire Chiefs Association.