Tim Lambert is a Battalion Chief with the Los Angeles Fire Department, bringing more than 25 years of service marked by collaborative leadership, operational excellence, and a deep commitment to developing people and strengthening community resilience. Throughout his career, he has guided teams through high-risk, all-hazard environments, led complex training operations, and influenced department-wide strategies that enhance both firefighter readiness and public safety.

Chief Lambert currently serves as the Acting Assistant Chief of the Los Angeles Fire Department's (LAFD) Training Division, where he oversees the Recruit Services Section (RSS), In-Service Training Section (ISTS), and Workforce Effectiveness Section (WES). Collectively, these sections are responsible for the full spectrum of workforce development, including recruitment, retention, recruit academy training, probationary firefighter development, and the ongoing training and professional development of more than 3,400 LAFD members.

Previously, Chief Lambert currently oversaw the LAFD Recruit Services Section, directing all administration, strategy, and daily operations of the Training Academy—one of the largest and most comprehensive fire recruit programs in the region. He supervises more than 20 staff members and manages the training and welfare of 60–70 recruits per class, ensuring the delivery of a rigorous 20-week curriculum. He collaborates closely with section leadership to administer an annual operating budget exceeding $13 million while regularly reporting to executive command staff and presenting performance updates to the Board of Fire Commissioners.

Chief Lambert holds a Master of Science in Emergency Services Administration and a Bachelor of Arts in Kinesiology and Exercise Science from California State University, Long Beach. He is a graduate of the LAFD Leadership Academy and maintains numerous California State Fire Training certifications, NWCG qualifications, and instructor credentials.

He contributes to several specialized teams and committees, including the LAFD Field Incident Management Team as an Evacuation Branch Director, and he has provided instruction and subject-matter expertise for Chief Officer continuing education, promotional training, and interagency evacuation planning for both LAFD and LAPD personnel.