Brent Berkompas Biography

My name is Brent Berkompas and I am the Political Action Committee (PAC) Director for the Orange County Professional Firefighters Association (OCPFA) Local 3631. It is my job to work with the elected officials that represent our service areas and make sure that local leaders are familiar with what our Firefighters do regularly in your community and throughout Orange County and the State. OCPFA Local 3631 represents 1,000+ Firefighters and Paramedics of the Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA). Some of the many duties our people provide include fire protection and emergency medical service for the residents of 23 Orange County cities and the unincorporated areas of our county.

I am also the founder of <u>Brandguard Vents</u> a safety product designed to protect homes from the damaging effects of flames and embers present during wildfires... As a first responder to many catastrophic California wildfires I noticed the vulnerability of the homes affected. I started the company because I wanted to provide a solution and prevent the damage and destruction caused by wildfire... Fire embers cause ignition and continuous fire-spread deep into urban areas. Empirical and antidotal evidence shows that much of the structural damage is caused by fire embers well before or after the front of the fire.