

Chris Hamm is a 19-year firefighter, fire Captain, and President of Orange County Firefighters IAFF Local 3631, representing more than 1,200 firefighters who protect communities across Orange County. In this role, he leads contract negotiations, advocates for firefighter safety and wellness, and works closely with local, state, and federal officials to strengthen public safety and emergency response.

Over nearly two decades in the fire service, Chris has progressed through the ranks on the front lines, responding to some of Southern California's most complex fires, rescues, and major incidents. As a captain, he is responsible for leading firefighters in the field, mentoring the next generation, and ensuring his crews are trained, prepared, and supported for whatever emergencies they face.

Chris is also a former Mayor for the City of San Clemente, where he brought a firefighter's perspective to city hall, focusing on public safety, fiscal responsibility, and community resilience. His time in elected office gave him a deep understanding of how policy, budgeting, and governance intersect with day-to-day emergency operations, experience he now uses to bridge the gap between decision-makers and the firefighters on the ground.

Across his career, Chris has built a reputation as a collaborative problem-solver and strong voice for working families, public safety, and the communities he serves.

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