

### **Bio of Deputy Chief Rich Elliott**

Rich Elliott lives in Ellensburg, Washington with his wife of 33 years. Rich began his fire service career in the Seattle area where he worked in urban areas for 10 years before moving to Ellensburg, which is 100 miles east of Seattle and officially, the “dry” side of the state. His education includes a BS in Political Science with an emphasis in labor studies and an MS in Organizational Development. Rich currently works for Kittitas Valley Fire and Rescue as the Deputy Chief of Operations and Training and serves on the IAFC’s Wildland Policy Committee. He is active in the community focusing on improving behavioral and mental health resources in the community, serving on the City Council, Health Network, Hopeource and Court Appointed Special Advocates. Focus at work includes managing a fire-based ALS ambulance service, mental and behavioral health for FF’s, community risk identification, reduction and mitigation, and is active with Incident Management teams in the Pacific Northwest.