

Mark Goeller Bio

Mark Goeller became the State Forester and Director of Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry - Forestry Services Division (OFS) in May 2018. He has served in numerous positions during his career with OFS, beginning in 1984 as a Service Forester stationed in Duncan. After nearly three years in Duncan, he was promoted to District Forester for the Jay District in northeast Oklahoma. Mark served as District Forester for seventeen years before assuming the role of Area Forester for OFS's Northeast Area. Goeller served as the State's Fire Management Chief beginning in 2005 until assuming his current role as State Forester.

In addition to his regular duties, Mark also serves in leadership roles on the state, regional and national levels, such as: former chair and member of the National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG) Risk Management Committee; S-520 Advanced Incident Management course's Steering Committee and Cadre; National Association of State Foresters' representative on the NWCG Medical and Public Health Advisory Team; member of Oklahoma's Land Mobile Radio Public Safety Interoperability Cooperative Committee; and member of the Oklahoma Forestry Association. Mark is the current Chair of the Southern Group of State Foresters (SGSF) and former chair of the SGSF Fire Management Chiefs. Additionally, he is former chair and member of Oklahoma's All-Hazards Standards, Qualifications and Training Committee for Incident Management Teams and a member of the Oklahoma Incident Management Team Advisory Committee. Goeller is also currently serves on the National Association of State Foresters' Executive Committee.

While earning a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture – Forest Management degree from Oklahoma State University, Mark began fighting wildland fire with the U.S. Forest Service in 1980. He has served as an Incident Commander on hundreds of multi-agency, multi-jurisdictional wildfires. His career also included duties as an Operations Section Chief, Type 2 on the Arkansas/Oklahoma Interagency Incident Management Team and Incident Commander Oklahoma Forestry Services' State Incident Management Team. From 2002 to present has been a member of a Northern Rockies Type 1 Incident Management Team, serving as an Operations Branch Director, Operations Section Chief, and currently as an Incident Commander. His incident management experience stems from wildfire and all-hazards assignments in twenty-two states.

In addition to wildland fire experience, Mark has total of eighteen years of structural firefighting experience for the City of Jay Fire Department and Keys Volunteer Fire Department.