

Chief Luis Nevarez is the first Hispanic Fire Chief in the history of the City of Tulare. Chief Nevarez leads 42 fellow firefighters, personnel, and personally oversees an operating budget of just over \$8 million dollars. Chief Nevarez serves as Tulare City Fire Department's liaison to City Hall and other city agencies.

Chief Nevarez has served in every operational capacity within the Department's ranks (Firefighter, Engineer, Captain, Division Chief). He manages the Department's Training and Fire Prevention Program and has responded to numerous wildland fires throughout the state as a Strike Team Leader. Chief Nevarez's passion for firefighting and experience as a technical rescue instructor resulted in the development of Tulare Fire Department's Urban Search and Rescue Team (US&R) organization. In addition, he served as a primary advocate for the Fire Department's association and membership with Regional Task Force Team 5. As a result of Chief Nevarez's extensive firefighting and leadership experience, he has gained valuable insight and knowledge regarding all aspects of Tulare Fire Department operations.

Chief Nevarez's Management Team is in the process of creating a Strategic Plan that addresses the Department's future needs that features the following key initiatives:

- Comprehensive Training and Development
- Technology and Communications (CAD- Computer-Assisted-Dispatch GIS-Geographic Info. System Succession Planning
- Assessment and Prioritization of the Department's Programs and necessities
- Fire Prevention/Public Education Programs
- Critical Fire Station Infrastructure

Chief Nevarez holds an Associate Degree in Fire Science from College of the Sequoias and a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration: Organizational Leadership from Fresno Pacific University. Utilizing his education and experience, he also serves as an adjunct instructor for the Fire Technology Program at Porterville College and College of the Sequoias where he can help mentor future firefighters.

Chief Nevarez is committed to providing high-quality public services that address essential needs and promote increased public safety for the City of Tulare. Despite common misconception, the Fire Department's role and responsibility extends past extinguishing fires. Chief Nevarez's contributions have aided in the continued expansion other significant services in areas such as fire-prevention and inspection, code enforcement, fire and arson investigation, plan review for construction projects, emergency medical services, hazardous materials response and mitigation, special rescue situations, emergency management, and public fire safety education

Steven Santelli is a Senior Dangerous Goods Officer for Canadian National Railway, based in Winnipeg, as well manages the Dangerous Goods Officers in the Western Provinces. Steven is mandated with three core responsibilities at CN; 1) outreach activities along CN's corridor to teach communities and first responders how to safely and effectively respond to a train incident, 2) respond to rail incidents involving dangerous goods, and 3) ensure regulatory compliance of the movement of dangerous goods by rail. Steven started his haz-mat emergency response career in 2007 as a contractor in BC for all modes of transportation, and then accepted a job with CN in 2011 as a Dangerous Goods Officer.

Terry oversees the planning and priorities of the Association. Terry is the lead for political liaison, and relations with all levels of government, in both administrative and legislative functions. He is the lead on media relations and, along with members of the Executive, acts as a spokesperson for the industry. He is also the Manitoba Regional Vice President for the Canadian Trucking Alliance.

Terry is a member of a variety of MTA committees, including the Executive and Board of Directors, He also represents the MTA with his involvement with Trucking HR Canada , the Manitoba Employers Council, and the Winnipeg and Manitoba Chambers of Commerce. He is also a contributing editor to the Western Canada Highway News.