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Tom began his career in 1990 as a Firefighter / Paramedic with Hermiston Fire Department in Eastern Oregon. Simultaneously, he was a part-time flight medic with Air Life of Oregon in Bend and taught EMT classes at Blue Mountain Community College. In 1995, Tom joined Portland Fire Bureau. After working several years as a Firefighter / Paramedic and serving as an EMS trainer, Haz Mat team member, and SERT (SWAT) tactical medic, he was promoted to Lieutenant / Paramedic. As a fire lieutenant, he worked at various stations throughout the city and became the SERT team leader. When he was a Captain / Paramedic, Tom managed a station that was responsible for Forest Park responses and oversaw the department's ATV program. Eventually he landed back on the regional Haz Mat team as Station Captain, where he was able to build relationships throughout the state. As Battalion Chief, he managed one of four Battalions within Portland Fire & Rescue and eventually became Chief Safety and Loss Prevention Officer. Tom was then promoted to shift Deputy Chief where he managed the four on-duty Battalion Chiefs and ensured the day-to-day operations of the department. Currently, Tom is Portland Fire & Rescue's Emergency Operations Division Chief and oversees all aspects of Emergency Operations.

Tom is a member of the Oregon State Fire Marshal's Incident Management team, is an Oregon Fire Chiefs Association (OFCA) Board Director, and serves on committees supporting the mission of DPSST and OFCA.