

Mike Morgan



Mike Morgan is a Colorado native, born in Grand Junction Colorado, with 36 years of fire service experience in public safety. He grew up on the family ranch near Rifle and spent most of his life in Garfield County. He began his fire service path as a volunteer in 1986 with the Rifle Fire Protection District and became the first paid employee of the Department in October of 1991. Over the next 25 years he oversaw continuous change and growth in the area, and oversaw the consolidation of two fire protection districts into Colorado River Fire Rescue (CRFR). Mike was appointed to be the Director of the Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control in April of 2016. At the time of

his departure, CRFR was a full-service fire department with over 100 career and volunteer members covering approximately 850 square miles in Garfield County.

Additionally, Mike served for over 10 years on the Colorado State Fire Chiefs' Board of Directors (including two terms as President), participated in several projects with the International Association of Fire Chief's, served multiple terms on the Garfield County Emergency Communications Authority Board of Directors, and is a current Board Member with the National Association of State Fire Marshals. Mike has a long history of championing fire service-related issues, including finding innovative solutions to address the rapidly increasing wildland urban interface challenges. He is known for championing collaborative efforts to unify the fire service and to promote efforts directed towards the mission of saving lives and property, as well as firefighter safety and wellness. Mike is a recipient of the John M. Buckman III Leadership Award, presented by the International Association of Fire Chief's.

Mike and his wife Sabrina have been together for over 36 years and have three children; David, Cole, and Caitlin, and three grandchildren; Darrien, Reed, and Avery.