

**Richard C. Hutchinson Jr.**  
**Unit / Fire Chief**



**San Benito – Monterey Unit**

***Aromas Tri-County FPD, Carmel Highlands FPD, Cypress FPD  
Pebble Beach CSD, San Benito County FD, South Monterey County FPD***

Rick lives in Gonzales with his wife Pam. They have two daughters Stephani and Amanda and four grand children Emily, Jake, Sarah and Devin.

Chief Hutchinson was appointed to the position of Assistant Chief on August 14, 2000 in the Santa Clara Unit where he supervised the unit's business services functions and field operations. In December 2006 he returned and oversaw South Division operations the Gabilan Conservation Camp and unit warehouse operations in the San



Benito – Monterey Unit. He has 29 years experience in the fire service which began on July 22, 1980 when at the age of 16 Rick was hired by the City of Poway Fire Department as a Reserve Fire Fighter. He started his career with CAL FIRE in the San Diego Unit as a Fire Fighter 1 on August 27, 1982 where he worked six fire seasons as part of an engine company and at the Ramona Air Attack Base before promoting to Fire Apparatus Engineer in the Tulare Unit in 1987 then to Fire Captain in 1993 working in the Emergency Command Center and the unit's Schedule A and B programs. Previously Rick was a Battalion Chief from 1998-2000 here in the unit in charge of training and safety.

**Career Notes:**

- Tulare Unit/Tulare County Fire Department Fire Fighter of the Year in 1996
- Finance Section Chief on Incident Command Team 2 2002-2003
- Member of the Incident Finance Committee 2002-2006
- Statewide Hired Equipment Coordinator 2004-2006
- Cadre Leader for Finance Section Chief, Cost Unit Leader and Procurement Unit Leader cadres.
- Incident Commander of Incident Command Team 9 2008 & 2009