

Goodnight Graduate



Congratulations to Fire Engineer Chris Goodnight who recently completed his Associate of Science Fire Science Degree. It has taken perseverance and persistence over the past five years to complete the general education and fire science units required for the degree. The first year and a half Chris was able to attend Modesto Junior College full-time but after starting to work as a firefighter, getting married, and having children he finished up his degree with online classes.

Chris' next step is a Bachelor of Fire Science Degree in Fire Management and Engineering which he is now actively pursuing while also taking State Fire Marshal classes. He is also certified as a Training Instructor I having completed classes in Instructor 1A, 1B, IC, the task book, and the capstone test.

Since joining the Groveland Fire Department as a full-time staff firefighter in September 2008, Chris has taken the lead in many special projects. He worked long and hard on a new map book for the district, he was organizer and lead instructor for the ROP Fire Science Program, and more recently he trained on the Mariposa mobile burn trailer and organized and taught Confined Space Rescue training.

Chris recently received a commendation from Fire Chiefs Warner and Burdick for an emergency infant delivery. The mother was especially appreciative of the compassion and care he showed her as he assisted with the delivery while traveling in an ambulance towards the hospital.