



Fire Chief Shane Warner with Fire Engineer Jon Rock

In 2009 the Groveland Fire Department was asked to host the JBFA for Tuolumne County. Our training officer Fire Engineer Jon Rock took the lead. Jon elevated the level of training provided by offering additional classes, and requiring all instructors to be certified by the state to approve the participant's Firefighter 1 certifications. This new requirement allowed the graduates to have the majority of their Firefighter I certification signed off through participation in the Academy.

Jon worked closely with Dean Wimberly, CAL Fire Training Captain, to develop many new ideas for curriculum making the Academy very enjoyable for the firefighters this year. Jon and Dean approached this challenge with great enthusiasm, and spent an enormous amount of time outside the classroom making sure they were meeting the needs of the students in the Academy.