



HEARTS 4 HEROES USA

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Brett Jones - Division Chief of Paw Platoon, Fire Captain/Paramedic

Brett Jones is a Fire Captain/Paramedic with the Rescue Fire Department and has dedicated more than two decades to serving his department and community. Throughout his career, Brett has combined operational fire service experience, emergency medicine, leadership, and a strong commitment to supporting the mental and emotional well-being of first responders.

Brett began his fire service career in 2002 when he joined the Rescue Fire Department as a volunteer firefighter. In 2004, while completing paramedic school, he was hired as a full-time member of the department. He was promoted to Fire Captain in 2014 and continues to serve Rescue Fire in both operational and leadership roles.

Education and professional development have remained an important part of Brett's career. He earned an Associate of Science in Fire Science in 2010 and a Bachelor of Science in Fire Administration in 2019. In 2023, he completed the National Fire Academy's Managing Officer Program and was recognized by the United States Fire Administration for this achievement, further strengthening his leadership, organizational, and emergency-services management experience.

Supporting First Responder Wellness

In 2022, Brett helped establish a partnership between the Rescue Fire Department and Hearts 4 Heroes USA, expanding the department's focus on first responder mental health, wellness, and peer support.

Through that partnership, Brett became the handler for Ash, Rescue Fire Department's therapy dog. Together, Brett and Ash support firefighters, fellow first responders, and members of the community while helping demonstrate the important role therapy dogs can play in first responder wellness.

For Brett, caring for first responders does not end when an emergency scene is cleared. The difficult situations firefighters and other emergency personnel encounter can remain with them long after a call is over, making access to meaningful peer support and wellness resources an important part of taking care of those who serve their communities.

To further his ability to provide that support, Brett completed Assisting Individuals in Crisis and Group Crisis Intervention training through the International Critical Incident Stress Foundation

(ICISF). This training provides additional tools for supporting both individuals and groups following critical incidents.

Brett & Ash

Brett's work with Ash and Hearts 4 Heroes USA reflects his belief that supporting first responders means caring for the whole person—including their mental and emotional well-being.

Together, Brett and Ash provide a calming and approachable presence for those around them, helping create opportunities for connection and support during both everyday moments and difficult circumstances. Their partnership represents another valuable resource for the Rescue Fire Department and the communities it serves.

Brett remains an active member of the Rescue Volunteer Fire Association as well as Hearts 4 Heroes USA, continuing his commitment to both his local community and the broader mission of supporting first responders.

Brett lives in Rescue with his wife, daughter, and their three dogs.