



RIVINGTON PARTNERS WILDFIRE SPECIALIST TEAM

WILDFIRES ARE A CATASTROPHIC RISK TO HOMEOWNERS AND IT CAN BE CHALLENGING FOR HOMEOWNERS TO FIND AN ADEQUATE INSURANCE SOLUTION.

A huge component on why Rivington is able to offer insurance solutions for risks other carriers will not is because of our Wildfire Specialist Team. Our team of experts consult with insureds to explain how to create “defensible space,” to reduce fuel load, they will share information on how to greatly reduce the potential for and severity from fire damage to insured’s specific home.

Attached you will find contact information and brief background for our Wildfire Specialists. One of our specialists will be reaching out to you or your client to setup their individual inspection. Thank you for your support. - *The Rivington Team*



Craig Crowder, *Regional Manager Consultation Team*

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Craig began his insurance career at Safeco Insurance Company in Northern California in the claims department. He later moved to Chubb Group of Insurance Companies handling causality claims and then became a residential appraiser where he developed an extensive technical understanding of fine home construction, building codes and methods for minimizing homeowners exposure to natural catastrophes. He was promoted to AVP as a regional appraisal manager responsible for a large appraisal staff. Prior to joining Rivington Partners Craig was the Western Zone regional manager with AIG Private Client Group. He was responsible for coordinating all Risk Management Services for the Western US. During his time at AIG Craig

also assisted with the Wildfire Protection Program and has extensive knowledge in risk management ideas for homes located in Urban Interface communities, understanding the impact of home construction as it relates to wild fire exposures and he has attended several courses in Firewise community development.



Laura McIver, *Senior Wildfire Specialist*

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Prior to being employed by Rivington Partners as a Wildfire Specialist, Laura was a dedicated and skilled Wildland Firefighter for the United States Forest Service where she spent 10 years refining her leadership and communication skills on Hotshot Crews, Helitack, Engine Crews, and Fire Prevention Modules. Laura closed-out her career with the Fire Department as acting Training Officer, operating The Vandenberg Interagency Regional Fire Training Center on the Central Coast of California. Throughout Laura’s fire career she has been recognized for her notable accomplishments in her work in the “Women in Wild-

land Fire” Program, where in 2015 she received the Regional Chief’s Award.”



Ted Ralston
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Ted Ralston began his career in the fire service in the late 1990's, receiving his initial Fire Fighter I and II certifications from the State of Connecticut. During this time, he also pursued a degree in Fire Science and Technology while also being employed as a fire sprinkler inspector for Hartford Fire Equipment.

In 2006, Ted and his wife relocated to Prescott, AZ, where he was employed by the Prescott Fire Department as a member of the Granite Mountain Interagency Hotshot crew. Ted furthered his training attaining certifications as an Advanced Wildland Fire Fighter, Fire Inspector I, Fire Instructor II, Fire Investigations, Fire Adapted Communities and Wildland Fire Investigator. This led Ted to focus his career in the area of wildland fire mitigation and prevention, which was the main driver for him joining Rivington. Ted soon became the Wildland Fuels Management Supervisor for the City of Prescott Fire Department while continuing his wildland responses with Granite Mountain.

Before joining Rivington Partners, Ted earned a second degree in Emergency Management and was employed by Yavapai County Emergency Management as a Planner where he worked on multiple Hazard Mitigation Plans, Community Risk Assessments, public education campaigns and the Emergency Operations Center Operational Guide while completing his FEMA Professional Development Series certificate. Ted is excited to be working with Rivington Partners, providing his experience and expertise in the field of all-hazards fire mitigation to you.



Angelina Orr
Wildfire Specialist

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Angelina began her journey as a student of fire in 2008. While studying to become an EMT she took a Fire Basics 101 course in college and fell in love with the science behind fires. In 2010 she completed her Associates degree in Fire Science Protection and Technology and graduated as the Recruit Chief at her Wildland Fire Academy. Her degree covered all aspects of fire from building codes and construction to the Wildland/Urban interface. Her fire career began with the United States Forest Service on the Cleveland National Forest and quickly moved to San Bernardino National Forest for a permanent full-time position. During her 6 years with the USFS her experience included: working in a dozen states with varying fuel types, working with engines, water tenders and as a Del Rosa Hotshot. During the off season she worked as an inspector and specialized rescue worker within buildings and construction sites with a private company. Angelina is excited to use her expertise and knowledge of wildfire and construction to help keep your lives and property safe. She looks forward to sharing her passion with our clients.



Jay Beristianos,
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Jay Beristianos started his firefighting career in 1976 as a Volunteer Junior Firefighter in his home town of Upper Lake, Ca. At the age of 18 Jay became one of the first Emergency Medical Technicians in the county. Jay's first job right out of high school was with the United States Forest Service as a firefighter, working his first season at Howard Mill Station in the Mendocino National Forest. Jay's career path took him to a local Honda dealership where he became a certified Honda motorcycle and power product technician and Mercury Marine technician, all the while volunteering as a firefighter and attending as many fire related classes as possible. Jay's true passion was firefighting, and in 1990 Jay attained his California State Firefighter 1 certificate and shortly after accepted an entry level firefighter position with Ukiah Valley Fire District. Jay promoted through the ranks to Battalion Chief in 2001. Jay spent many years traveling California with strike teams of fire engines fighting wildfires. During his 21 years at Ukiah Valley Fire, Jay remained an active Volunteer Fire Captain with the Northshore Fire Protection District. In 2011, Jay tested and was hired as the Fire Chief of Northshore Fire Protection District. He spent 7 years as Fire Chief and retired in September 2018. Jay saw many years of destruction and losses from wildfires, most recently the Ranch Fire which burned approximately 90% of his fire district. As Fire Chief, Jay was on a mission to work with local county officials to revamp the county's Weed Abatement and Hazard Reduction program. So many of these home and property losses were simply due to the lack of defensible space, a relatively low cost problem to fix. Jay's plan was to train firefighters to go door to door and educate residents to simple ways of reducing their risk from wildfires by a scoring system. "Our county has seen so much devastation in the last few years, we needed to increase the effectiveness of our program". It's at one of these meetings with local county officials that Jay met Andrea Ferrari, Vice President with Rivington Partners.



Kevin Rafferty Jr.
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Kevin started as a Volunteer Firefighter in 2008 in Menifee, Ca. It was there his interest in the fire service began. He graduated the firefighter academy in 2010 and also attended Mt. San Jacinto College to gain knowledge in EMS and Fire Technology. After graduation Kevin worked with Wildfire Defense Systems as Firefighter II. His first assignment with Wildfire Defense Systems was on the hazard assessment program. While at Wildfire Defense he inspected homes for insureds of USAA, Liberty Mutual and Chubb. During the fire season he was also assigned to a suppression team. He returned to Volunteer Firefighting in late 2012 with the Riverside County Fire Department and assigned to the San Jacinto Battalion. Kevin moved up the ranks to Volunteer Reserve Firefighter III (Crew Leader). He also assisted his battalion with the weed abatement program, education and inspections. Kevin was also mentor in the Explorer program at station 26. In late 2018 Kevin obtained all his basic Fire Inspector certifications from the State. Kevin is excited to share his knowledge with our clients and fellow Rivington Partners team members.



Angela Kendrick,
Dispatch Coordinator

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Angela has held several positions; administration support, billing, mortgage, all with a focus on providing superior customer service. Having been married to a wildland firefighter for over 16 years Angela was excited to combine her love for customer service and helping to be a part of providing insurance for those in need.

Angela is enthusiastic to bring her skills to support the customers and the team to provide the utmost support and customer service to Rivington's policyholders and agents.

