

Craig Cooper currently serves as the Las Vegas Fire & Rescue Special Operations Chief (Administrative Battalion Chief). In this position his responsibilities include the management, creation and sustainment of policies and procedures, budgets, and training for the Technical Rescue team, Hazardous Materials team, and Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, Explosive (CBRNE) unit. His other responsibilities in this position have him conducting all Special Events planning for LVFR, the creation and sustainment of the active shooter hostile event (ASHER) program, serving on the local Joint Terrorism Task Force, sitting as the LVFR representative on the Local Emergency Planning Committee, and any additional homeland security responsibilities for LVFR. Craig has been with LVFR since 1999.

Craig is currently pursuing his Master's Degree at the Center for Homeland Defense and Security, Naval Post Graduate School. He is a graduate from UNLV with a B.S. in Public Administration. Since 2002 Craig has been on the LVFR Technical Rescue Team and in 2006 he joined FEMA Nevada Task Force 1, serving multiple roles including his current position as Plans Manager. Because of his role as the Special Operations Chief, Craig was asked to assist in the creation of the Nevada State Preventative Radiological Nuclear Prevention Program. Along with sitting on multiple committees at the local level, Craig has served on a variety of committees at the national level; IFSTA both as a committee member and a technical writer, Craig joined the Interagency Board in 2015 initially serving on the Strategic Planning group and now sits as the co-chair for the Training and Exercise group; he is one of the original members on the NFPA 3000 committee created to provide national guidance for ASHER across multiple disciplines; and lastly, he is on the inaugural Search and Rescue committee for the International Association of Fire Chiefs. Craig responded to the 1 October incident as the commander of a regional CBRNE task force. After the mitigation efforts were concluded by the CBRNE task force, Craig was asked to be the Plans Section Chief for the Family Assistance Center.