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Notes From SEFD: Profiling Our Captains – Kevin Bowman



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Capt. Kevin Bowman specializes in technical rescue and the EMS program. Photo by Eddie McArthur

This young Arizona native has been in the fire service since 2017, first near the Grand Canyon then in the Verde Valley and Cottonwood area. He has also worked as a civilian paramedic on an ambulance in the Phoenix area, all before coming to [Sonoita-Elgin Fire District](#) (SEFD) as a Captain/Paramedic in 2023.

In addition to serving as a captain, Bowman specializes in technical rescue, including rope rescue techniques, and the EMS program.

Bowman is married with two young boys. His wife is a paramedic at a hospital in the Phoenix area. The couple hopes to move to this area in 2025. Bowman loves it here, citing the people and culture as well as the community support for the firefighters. In his off-duty hours he coaches Little League and works on house projects.

Working in this area is different from his other assignments. Bowman feels that the firefighters here really make a difference and that being able to offer Advanced Life Support services to our communities is very important, given the distance from services. He finds the biggest challenge to be the time needed to get assistance from other agencies when needed.

Looking forward, Bowman would like to see improvements in infrastructure and finances to allow the department to afford more equipment. He would like to see more volunteers and additional ways to involve community members. He praises the involvement with local schools and the Firewise program.

Bowman refers to SEFD as a growing department and looks forward to staying here to grow his career.

Recently Bowman, his team, and one of the ambulances from SEFD have been deployed in support of the Horton Fire near Payton, AZ. SEFD is uniquely positioned to offer wildland firefighting, not only in our area but also in support of other agencies.

