

Steve Hissong is an Assistant Chief in charge of the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) Training Division. He has 32 years with the LAFD with an extensive background in specialized rescue operations. As a team member of the FEMA California Task Force Urban Search and Rescue he has been deployed to the World Trade Center during the devastating disaster, Hurricane Ike, Rita, Gustav, and most recently led the team in numerous water and land based search and rescues operations at Hurricane Harvey and Hurricane Irma.

As the Training Division Commander, he is in charge of the Recruitment efforts to increase diversity, the training of over 250 Recruits per year and In-Service Training of the 3200 members of the LAFD.

His leadership and innovation, at the direction of Fire Chief Ralph Terrazas, has moved the LAFD to become one of the first to become certified by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) with a Certificate of Authorization (COA) as a Fire Service Agency registered to fly an Unmanned Aerial System (UAS) during an Emergency Incident.