

Rob Thigpen

Safety Lead/Lead Instructor

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EXPERIENCE

Years of Total Experience: 31 years

Joined NATS: 2017

Rob began his career in 1989 as an arborist and over the past 31 years, has built his resume as a safety professional. In addition to his years as an arborist, Rob has over sixteen years of experience as a volunteer firefighter. Rob graduated from Train the Trainer (NATS' instructor intensive program) in 2018, and now serves as a safety lead and lead instructor with NATS.

Notable Experience:

- Safety Officer with FEMA and the National Response Access Team, working directly with FEMA and the Army Corps of Engineers during Hurricane Katrina relief efforts
- Competition climber nationally and internationally for twenty-five years

FIRE EVENTS

- Camp Fire, Paradise, CA (2018)
- Santa Rosa Fire, Santa Rosa, CA (2017)

QUALIFICATIONS/CERTIFICATIONS

- OSHA 30-Hour General Industry Training with Arboricultural Emphasis (2018)
- First Aid/CPR (2018)
- NFPA Certificate: Certified Firefighter I NFPA (Structural Burn Certificate)
- Agricultural Structural Firefighting and Rescue Training
- Hazmat Materials Awareness
- Wildland Fire Basics

NATS CREDENTIALS: LEADERSHIP

- Chainsaw Train the Trainer (2018)
- Consulting Utility Forestry Safety Professional (2018)

NATS CREDENTIALS: PRACTICAL HANDS-ON QUALIFICATIONS

- Basic Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)-Certificate of Qualification (2019)
- Job Briefing, Job Site Set-up and Emergency Action Plan-Certificate of Qualification (2019)
- Tree Risk Assessment-Certificate of Qualification (2019)
- Chainsaw Operator Technician-Certificate of Qualification (2018)

NATS CREDENTIALS: THEORETICAL KNOWLEDGE

- Electrical Hazard Awareness Training (2020)