

Deputy Chief Jeff Sells began his career while serving with the U.S. Army, 101st Airborne Division during the first gulf war. After the Army he volunteered with the Lewiston Rural Fire Department and worked full time for a private ambulance service. He became a paramedic in 1994 and began working for Spokane Ambulance as well as volunteering with the Post Falls Ambulance. In 1997 he began working for the Kootenai County Paramedics and continued there through the county EMS transition when he was hired by the Coeur d'Alene Fire Department in 2002. He has served as a firefighter, engineer and as a fire captain.

Deputy Chief Sells has a bachelors degree in Emergency Medical Services and has mentored many of the departments' paramedics over the years. He has instructed EMT, Advanced EMT and Paramedic certification courses as well as American Heart Association Advanced Cardiac Life Support, Pediatric Advanced Life Support and Pre-Hospital Trauma Life Support classes. Jeff has also instructed firefighters in ladder truck operations and was part of the development of the departments' ventilation training manual. He has also been a FEMA Urban Search and Rescue, Canine Search Specialist instructor.

Jeff was part of the development of the departments Urban Search and Rescue (US&R) canine program. He has certified with two dogs, Cody and Otis, and deployed as a member of the FEMA Washington Task Force 1 to the Oso Landslide in Washington and to Hurricane Irma in Florida. Deputy Chief Sells served as the canine program coordinator for the department and participated on several national level US&R committees.

Jeff and his wife of 25 years, Janelle, have two adult sons and help run the family farm east of Coeur d'Alene. When they are not working on the farm, they can be found camping and flyfishing.