

Subsequently, the command of the fire was turned over to the County and then turned over to the State in rapid sequence. The State in turn named Scott Campbell as Type 3 Incident Commander. In that capacity, Mr. Campbell worked for the State and not the County. He served in that capacity until the Federal Government designated Rich Harvey as the Type 1 Incident Commander. The timeline of this passing of Command has been a major source of friction with this fire, fanned by incomplete reports from other agencies and the media. According to the various interviews and sources of information obtained in the investigation, verbal exchange of command likely occurred between 3:45 and 3:55 p.m. There are a series of supporting documents that were obtained and radio traffic, timeline notes, and personal interviews were used to confirm the times. For example, the 3:55 p.m. time came from an interview with Sheriff Maketa, which was later confirmed by El Paso County Sheriff's Office Bureau Chief, Al Harmon. This was a verbal transfer. The 3:15 p.m. time of transfer that was reported initially as the transfer time by Chief Harvey was likely the time he had a discussion with Ms. Wasielewski about transferring the fire to El Paso County, who subsequently transferred it to the State of Colorado to obtain State resources. Chief Harvey stated that he wanted to turn this fire over quickly to access State funds so as not to jeopardize the financial assets of the District. Documents obtained during the investigation show that Scott Campbell, as the representative for the County and the Incident Commander replacing Chief Harvey, signed a document to transfer command to Campbell at 4:08 p.m. and that a meeting was held sometime around 4:30. The reported 8:23 p.m. Delegation of Authority is the time of the last necessary signature from a necessary public official on the formal documents transferring control. This document was an after-the-fact confirmation of the verbal transfer that had happened hours before.