



Ron Steffens has taught journalism and environmental communication at colleges across the United States and currently teaches emergency management and communication in the graduate programs at Prescott College, Arizona. He practices what he teaches – in summers, Ron works as a seasonal park ranger and wildland firefighter for the National Park Service and US Forest Service, including here in Tucson for Saguaro National Park and Coronado National Forest where he worked on the Bighorn Fire in June-July 2020. His assignments have included Incident Commander, Emergency Operations, Communications and Planning with a focus on fire behavior and community engagement. His responsibilities have taken him to five continents studying and teaching wildland fire management, including assignments to the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Republic of Congo, and Malawi.

Originally from St. Louis, Missouri, he helped his parents retire to Arizona and later followed south to attend the University of Arizona, where he met his wife. They lived here for nearly a decade before heading off to teach, returning to Tucson in 2016 and moving into the Foothills Clusters in 2018. As a board member on the homeowner's association, Ron works on safer streets, managing invasive plants, and supporting the desert landscape in the limited common areas.