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## **Don Trapp Appointed to Assistant Chief**

SAN BERNARDINO - It is with great pleasure to announce the appointment of Don Trapp to Assistant Chief effective March 22. As Assistant Chief, Trapp will oversee Human Resources, Public Information Office, Support Services, the day to day fiscal operations and special projects.

Fire Chief Mark Hartwig stated, "During these challenging economic times, we continue to find ways to persevere and provide the highest level of services to those we serve. Chief Trapp has the experience and expertise to continue this mission."

Chief Trapp became interested in the fire service right out of high school and became a Paid-Call Firefighter for the California Department of Forestry in Temecula. Chief Trapp began his full-time fire service career with San Bernardino County Fire in 1989 assigned to Fontana. He has diligently worked his way through the ranks and was promoted in March 2012 to Division Chief of the High Desert Division (Division 3); one of the most challenging geographic areas within San Bernardino County.

Throughout his career in County Fire, Chief Trapp has remained heavily involved in the communities we serve. He has served on the Emergency Medical Services committee, and co-chaired both the Operations Leadership Team and the Hiring, Testing & Development committees.

Chief Trapp and his wife Sheila are committed to their family and community. They cherish their family time most and love to explore new places.

Chief Trapp fills the vacancy left due to the promotion of Jim Johnstone to Deputy Chief.

Photographs of Chief Trapp are available at [http://www.sbcfire.org/news\\_releases/index.asp](http://www.sbcfire.org/news_releases/index.asp).

*The San Bernardino County Fire Department is an all-risk/full-service fire department committed to providing the highest level of service in the most efficient and cost effective manner to the citizens and communities that we serve. At 20,160 square miles, San Bernardino County is the largest county in the continental United States and our jurisdiction encompasses 16,500 square miles of extremely diverse environments that stretch from the Los Angeles County line on the west, to the Colorado River on the east, to the Nevada State line and Kern and Inyo counties on the north. We provide services to five contract cities, more than 58 communities, and all unincorporated areas of the county. San Bernardino County Fire remains committed to providing Premier Fire Services.*

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