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Porter to Lead SBCoFD North Desert Division

San Bernardino County Fire Chief Don Trapp is pleased to announce the assignment of Assistant Chief Tim Porter to Division 5 (North Desert Division) effective April 1. As Assistant Chief, Porter will take responsibility for fire, rescue and emergency medical response in the North Desert region.

“Chief Porter has devoted years of hard work to the High Desert, and we are thankful that he has accepted a new role where he can provide increased leadership and direction to the department,” stated Fire Chief Don Trapp.

Division 5 covers a vast area including the City of Hesperia, and the communities of Wrightwood, Phelan, Pinon Hills, Lucerne Valley, Summit Valley, and a portion of the Cajon Pass. Firefighters responded to over 16,700 emergency calls for service in Division 5 this past fiscal year.

“I am honored to be selected for this position. I look forward to continuing the strong working relationship with the communities we serve and the surrounding fire agencies,” stated Assistant Chief Porter. “Fire prevention and education remain a priority.”

Assistant Chief Porter has over 31 years of fire service experience beginning in 1988 as a paid-call firefighter with the Victorville Fire Department. He became a full-time firefighter in 1991 while serving the City of Victorville. In July 2008, Chief Porter transferred as a Captain to the San Bernardino County Fire Department after the City of Victorville transitioned to a service contract for county-provided fire protection. He promoted to Battalion Chief in March 2015, assigned to Division 6 in the High Desert. Upon promoting to Division Chief, he was assigned to headquarters in Administration. He recently served as the Assistant Chief in the Training and Special Operations Division before being reassigned to Division 5.

Chief Porter enjoys the great outdoors; hiking, hunting, fishing and camping. Tim and his wife Page have 3 kids and 1 grandson and have proudly resided in the High Desert for over 34 years.

The San Bernardino County Fire Protection District is an all-risk/full-service fire department committed to providing the highest level of service in the most efficient and cost-effective manner. At 20,160 square miles, San Bernardino County is the largest county in the continental United States and our jurisdiction protects 19,293 square miles; with diverse environments that stretch from the Los Angeles, Riverside and Orange County borders to our south and west, the Colorado River and Arizona to the east, to the Nevada State line and Kern and Inyo counties on the north. In the middle lies the snow-capped San Bernardino mountain range. We are the local fire department for over 60 communities, from rural towns to major cities, and all the unincorporated areas of the county. San Bernardino County Fire remains committed to providing Premier Fire, Rescue and EMS Services.

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