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Tom Marshall to Lead SBCoFD South Desert Division

San Bernardino County Fire Chief Mark Hartwig is pleased to announce the promotion of Tom Marshall from Battalion Chief to Division Chief, assigned to Division 5 (South Desert) effective immediately. As Division Chief, Marshall will take responsibility for rescue operations, fire and emergency medical response in the South Desert region.

“It is a privilege to serve our residents and lead our firefighters of the South Desert,” Division Chief Marshall said. “I am honored to be given this opportunity and I look forward to continuing the great working example Division Chief Chamberlin set for this Division.”

After exiting the Marine Corps in 1990, Division Chief Marshall began his fire service career as a volunteer with the Newberry Springs Fire Department. In 1993 he was hired as a full-time firefighter with the Fort Irwin Fire Department. He started his career with San Bernardino County Fire in 1998 as an Engineer, was promoted to Captain in 2001, and in 2014 was promoted to Battalion Chief.

Division Chief Marshall has served in every county fire division over the last 18 years of his career. He currently serves on Southern California Incident Management Team 1, and has served as the division supervisor and safety officer on the team for the last 10 years.

Division Chief Marshall and wife of 24 years, Amy, have two children; daughter Kelsey who is in Georgia after serving in the Army, and son Garrett who is in the Air Force stationed in Texas.

Division 5 encompasses many different aspects of terrain and topography in the County’s South Desert that draw visitors from around the world to the eastern Mojave Desert, from Yucca Valley and the Joshua Tree National Park to the Colorado River. This division also neighbors the U.S. Marine Corps Air/Combat Training Center in Twenty-Nine Palms. Division 5 includes the City of Needles and the communities of Havasu Lake and Big River drawing millions of visitors each year for river and lake front recreation.

Marshall succeeds Chief John Chamberlin, who has proudly served the South Desert region since March 2015 until his recent reassignment to the newly created Division 6 (East Valley).

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