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Horton to Lead Office of the Fire Marshal

San Bernardino County Fire Chief Mark Hartwig is honored to announce the promotion of Mike Horton from Deputy Fire Marshal to Fire Marshal, assigned to the Office of the Fire Marshal. As Fire Marshal, Horton will take responsibility for Fire Prevention, Hazardous Materials CUPA Program and Household Hazardous Waste divisions; which encompasses the entire unincorporated San Bernardino County Fire Protection District area including several contract cities and districts. The Office of the Fire Marshal provides oversight and implementation of all regulatory inspection and planning programs, public education and special events, manages the CUPA for the entire county and the cities within, provides emergency response to Haz-Mat related incidents and conducts fire investigations.

"I am extremely thankful to be selected as the Fire Marshal and humbled to lead such a diverse and extraordinary group of professionals," stated Fire Marshal Horton. "I am excited to continue the great work of Chief Brierty by providing programs that better serve our divisions and our communities."

Fire Marshal Horton began his fire service career as a Firefighter with the City of Norco Fire Department in 1980. He promoted to the position of Captain in 1985 with the State of California and eventually to Chief Officer in 1999 after relocating to the bay area in San Jose. In 2001 Mike returned to Riverside County Fire Department accepting a position with the City of Temecula in Fire Prevention. In 2006 Mike became the Deputy Fire Marshal of the Community Safety Division for San Bernardino County Fire Department. Horton continues to be the Lead Fire Service Ladder Instructor for Crafton Hills Fire Academy and has taught ladders for over 13 years.

Horton holds several California State Fire Marshal certifications. He has completed two levels of the County's Management Leadership Academy to include the management development program in 2009 and the executive development program in 2011.

Fire Marshal Horton resides in Riverside County with his two children. He enjoys watching his children's sporting events and hanging out with family and friends. Mike loves riding his Harley on the weekends with the Orange Coast Chapter Harley Owners Group and spending time at the beach, mountains and the river.

A photograph of Fire Marshal Horton is available at www.sbcfire.org under latest news.

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