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Mejia Selected to Lead High Desert Division

San Bernardino County Fire Chief Mark Hartwig is pleased to announce the promotion of Dan Mejia from Battalion Chief to Assistant Chief, assigned to Division 3 (High Desert).

“Chief Mejia demonstrates the skills and knowledge we seek in our chief officers,” Fire Chief Mark Hartwig stated. “He has mentored many future leaders during his career; Division 3 will be well-served under his leadership.”

Dan Mejia began his career with the San Bernardino Fire Agency in 1987 as a firefighter in Lake Arrowhead. He was promoted to Engineer with SBCoFD in 1993, to Captain in 2000, and then promoted to Battalion Chief in 2013. Mejia has served in all facets of County Fire and has been a member of the Urban Search and Rescue team since 2004.

The High Desert (Division 3) is one of the most challenging geographic areas within San Bernardino County. On the division’s northern boundary is the Inyo county line and continues east. Its eastern boundary is the state of Nevada, and the world famous Gambling Mecca of Las Vegas. Division 3 is also home to the largest off highway vehicle recreational area in the United States. Other beautiful outdoor areas located in Division 3 include the Mojave Desert National Preserve, Afton Canyon, Dumont Dunes Recreational Area, Rainbow Basin, the Trona Pinnacles, the Mojave River, and the community of Baker which serves as the gateway to Death Valley National Park. Division 3 is a demanding service area for our firefighters who contend with obstacles such as Interstate 15, a logistics gateway that sees over 220,000 vehicles and 60 trains pass through every day.

“It is an honor to be given this new role in our department and communities. I look forward to helping lead the dedicated men and women of San Bernardino County Fire who serve the High Desert,” Assistant Chief Mejia said.

Photos of Assistant Chief Dan Mejia are available on sbcfire.org.

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. Our jurisdiction encompasses 19,278 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 more than 60 communities/cities and all unincorporated areas of the county.