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Tuttle Selected to Lead South Desert Division

San Bernardino County Fire Chief Dan Munsey is pleased to announce the promotion of Battalion Chief Scott Tuttle to Assistant Chief, assigned to Division 4 (South Desert). As Assistant Chief, Tuttle will take responsibility for fire, rescue and emergency medical response in the South Desert region which encompasses the City of Needles, the Town of Yucca Valley, City of Twentynine Palms and the seven unincorporated areas of the eastern edge of the county.

Fire Chief Dan Munsey stated “Chief Tuttle demonstrates the skills and knowledge we seek in our chief officers. He has mentored many future leaders during his career; Division 4 will be well-served under his leadership.”

Chief Tuttle began his career with San Bernardino County Fire in 1994 as a Firefighter Paramedic. Tuttle progressed through the ranks, promoting to Captain in 2007 and Battalion Chief in 2015. Chief Tuttle has worked throughout the county, proudly serving the citizens of San Bernardino County and its visitors. He has been an active member of the department’s Hazardous Material team and has managed the program since 2015. The program has evolved under his leadership and was one of twelve Hazmat teams statewide to receive a CalOES Type II Hazmat vehicle.

Chief Tuttle has an associate degree in Fire Technology and has earned numerous certifications. Tuttle has served on several committees, is the CERT liaison and an active member of the San Bernardino County Professional Firefighters Pipes and Drums.

“I have lived in Yucca Valley for over 30 years and have worked in the South Desert region for most of my 26-year career,” stated Chief Scott Tuttle. “It is truly an honor and privilege to serve our communities in the South Desert. I look forward to strengthening the relationships we have with our communities, cooperators and stakeholders.”

The communities served by County Fire’s South Desert Division keep a “hometown” environment but draw visitors from around the world and residents from all walks of life to enjoy the Joshua Tree National Park, local community events, or just a rest from the busy life of metropolitan areas. The River Battalion encompasses the City of Needles and the communities of Havasu Lake and Big River along the Colorado River, which draw millions of recreational visitors each year. The South Desert Division also neighbors the U.S. Marine Corps Air/Combat Training Center in Twentynine Palms. The South Desert Division is committed to community-based service, emphasizing local connections.

Chief Tuttle lives in Yucca Valley with his wife Lori. Their daughter Madison attends San Diego State University. In his free time Tuttle enjoys hiking, sailing and travel.

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.