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Don Trapp to Lead High Desert Division

SAN BERNARDINO - It is with great pleasure to announce the appointment of Don Trapp as the High Desert Division Chief for the San Bernardino County Fire Department effective March 24th.

Chief Trapp became interested in the fire service right out of high school and became a Paid-Call Firefighter for the California Department of Forestry in Temecula. Chief Trapp began his full-time fire service career with San Bernardino County Fire in 1989 assigned to Fontana. He promoted to Engineer in 1997, with his first assignment being in Wrightwood. In 2000, Chief Trapp was assigned to Lake Arrowhead as a Captain. Since 2002 he has worked as a Captain at various fire stations in Fontana. Throughout his career in County Fire, Chief Trapp has remained heavily involved in the communities we serve. He has served on the Emergency Medical Services committee, and co-chaired both the Operations Leadership Team and the Hiring, Testing & Development committees.

The High Desert Division (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 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 the Death Valley National Park. This Division is truly a challenge for our firefighters who contend with overwhelming obstacles such as Interstate 15, daily accommodating over 220,000 vehicles and 60 trains that have an average length of 4,000 feet.

The San Bernardino County Fire Department proudly serves the residents of the City of Victorville. The City of Victorville lies in the "High Desert Region" of San Bernardino County and is considered a residential, commercial and industrial hub. The City of Victorville is also home to the Southern California Logistics Airport.

"I look forward to continuing the ongoing efforts to further improve the level of fire service provided to all areas of the High Desert. I believe in staying committed to community based fire protection", stated Chief Trapp.

Don and his wife Sheila are committed to their family and community. They cherish their family time most and love to explore new places.

A photo of Chief Trapp is available at http://www.sbcfire.org/news_releases/index.asp.