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County Fire Promotes Jim Johnstone to Division Chief

SAN BERNARDINO – San Bernardino County Fire Battalion Chief Jim Johnstone has been promoted to Division Chief and will lead County Fire's Division 1 (Valley). Chief Johnstone replaces Division Chief John Salvate, who has proudly served the Valley residents for the past year.

As Division Chief, Johnstone will take responsibility for fire and rescue operations in Division 1, which encompasses the western half of the San Bernardino Valley. The division has contiguous boundaries with the communities of San Bernardino, Colton, Rialto, Rancho Cucamonga and Ontario and shares its southern boundary with Riverside County. Division 1 consists of 200 fire suppression personnel out of 15 fire stations.

Previously, Chief Johnstone was Battalion Chief in Division 2 (North Desert) since early 2008. He began his career with the San Bernardino County Fire Department in 1985 as a Firefighter Paramedic. During his career with County Fire, Chief Johnstone promoted to Engineer Paramedic and to Captain Paramedic. He has served as the Technical Rescue Coordinator for the Mountain Division and is one of three Rescue Team Managers on County Fire's Regional Taskforce 6. He has a BS Degree from the University of California Riverside in Administration.

Chief Johnstone is qualified as a Type 2 Operations Chief on Southern California Incident Management Team #2. Prior to this position, he served as a Division/Group Supervisor on this same management team.

"I am thrilled and honored to be given this grand and sobering responsibility of leading Division 1," said Chief Johnstone. "I am looking forward to this new chapter in my career with County Fire which began more than 25 years ago."

Chief Johnstone lives in Lake Arrowhead with his wife Bridgett. Jim and Bridgett have five grown children and two grandsons. He and his family enjoy numerous outdoor activities together.

Former Division 1 Chief John Salvate, has been reassigned to covering Divisions 4 and 5 encompassing the Mountains and South Desert regions.

A photograph of Chief Johnstone is available on our website at www.sbcfire.org under latest news.

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