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Fire Chief Appoints Deputy Chief of Administration

San Bernardino County Fire Chief Dan Munsey is pleased to announce the appointment of Bertral Washington to the position of Deputy Chief of Administration effective July 20. Chief Washington will oversee the department's planning and accreditation, training and safety, emergency medical services, support (vehicle and warehouse) services, and community risk reduction efforts.

"Chief Washington has a wealth of knowledge and experience in the fire service," stated Fire Chief Dan Munsey. "His diverse experience as a chief officer, coupled with his strong foundation of innovation, strategic planning, and leadership development, will assist our management team in leading this department into the future."

Chief Washington comes to the Fire District with over 25 years of experience in the fire service. Until recently, Chief Washington served as the Fire Chief for the City of Pasadena for over five years. Previously, Chief Washington served as the Fire Chief of Clark County Fire Department and has 16 years' experience in the Las Vegas Fire and Rescue Department (including being assigned to the Assistant Chief of Administration, Training, and Support Services). Washington has served on numerous commissions and associations.

Chief Washington has a strong educational background which includes a Master's degree in Public Administration, a Bachelor's degree in Political Science, an Associate degree in Fire Science Management, and is a graduate of the Senior Executives in State and Local Government program at Harvard University's, John F. Kennedy School of Government. In addition, Chief Washington has achieved the Chief Fire Officer (CFO) designation from the Center for Public Safety Excellence (CPSE).

Chief Washington brings a strong planning background to the District. He has successfully developed and implemented strategic plans, department reorganizations, established leadership development and multi-agency programs designed to improve succession planning and developing personnel. In addition, Chief Washington led Pasadena through achieving Accredited Agency status from the Commission on Fire Accreditation International (CFAI) and improving the Insurance Services Office (ISO) rating two levels from ISO Class 3 to Class 1. Only five fire departments in the State of California are both ISO Class 1 and CFAI accredited. Chief Washington has delivered successful results with recruitment, training, community risk reduction and public education programs using technology to ensure the best and most efficient services are delivered to the community.

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Chief Washington and his wife Cheri have two children; 19-year-old Chandler who is attending college and 16-year-old daughter Blaire. In his leisure time, he enjoys playing golf, traveling and spending time with family and friends.

The San Bernardino County Fire Protection District is an all-risk/full-service fire department committed to providing the highest level of service in the most efficient and cost-effective manner. At 20,160 square miles, San Bernardino County is the largest county in the continental United States and our jurisdiction protects 19,293 square miles; with diverse environments that stretch from the Los Angeles, Riverside and Orange County borders to our south and west, the Colorado River and Arizona to the east, to the Nevada State line and Kern and Inyo counties on the north. In the middle lies the snow-capped San Bernardino mountain range. We are the local fire department for over 60 communities, from rural towns to major cities, and all the unincorporated areas of the county. San Bernardino County Fire remains committed to providing Premier Fire, Rescue and EMS Services.

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