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New Assistant Chief to Serve East Valley Division

Assistant Chief Dan Munsey, previously assigned to lead the High Desert Division (Division 3), has been reassigned to the East Valley Division (Division 6), effective February 18. Chief Munsey fills the position vacated by newly promoted Deputy Chief John Chamberlin.

Chief Munsey began his career in the fire service in 1995 as a Paid-Call Firefighter. He became a full-time firefighter in 1998, where he was assigned to Lake Arrowhead. He has worked in every division of County Fire, promoting to Captain in 2004 and Battalion Chief in 2008.

Chief Munsey holds a Masters in Public Administration with an emphasis on business and government and a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from Grand Canyon University. He has also earned an associate's degree in business administration and in fire technology. In 2013, Chief Munsey graduated from the Management & Leadership Academy; a County program that provides comprehensive management and leadership training to county employees. Participants gain theoretical and practical knowledge of public service management and leadership practices, with specific emphasis on understanding their application within San Bernardino County.

"Chief Munsey brings a wealth of knowledge and experience into his new assignment. He has demonstrated strong leadership throughout his career at County Fire and I am confident in his ability to lead his division," Fire Chief Mark Hartwig said.

Division 6 covers the large metropolitan area of San Bernardino accentuated by the San Bernardino International Airport, California State University San Bernardino, National Orange Show, and San Manuel Indian Bingo & Casino. Known as the East Valley Division, it presents multiple wildland-urban interface zones including the southern base of the San Bernardino Mountains that begins northeast of the Interstate 15/215 interchange and runs southeast to the Oak Glen Preserve. Division 6 also encompasses major sections of I-215, I-10, and State Route 210, all major throughways of commerce in San Bernardino County.

"I am honored by the department's decision and privileged to serve our residents in this new role," Chief Munsey said. "I am grateful for the opportunity to help lead our newest division and look forward to building on the successes of my predecessor."

For a photo of Assistant Chief Dan Munsey, visit 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.