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## **Munsey to Lead High Desert Division**

SAN BERNARDINO - It is with great pleasure that Fire Chief Mark Hartwig announced the appointment of Battalion Chief Dan Munsey as the High Desert Division Chief for San Bernardino County Fire effective March 22. Chief Munsey previously served in the Training & Special Operations Division of County Fire.

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.

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.

Chief Munsey holds a Masters in Public Administration with an emphasis on business and government and a Bachelors 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 provide 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.

"I look forward to continuing the efforts and work of Assistant Chief Don Trapp and his efforts to further improve the level of fire service provided to all areas of the High Desert," stated Division Chief Munsey. "Staying committed to community based fire protection is essential."

Chief Munsey and his wife Amanda have four children and reside in Yucca Valley. They are avid Angel's fans and enjoy the outdoors.

Chief Munsey fills the vacancy left due to the promotion of Don Trapp to Assistant Chief.

A photo of Chief Munsey is available at [http://www.sbcfire.org/news\\_releases/index.asp](http://www.sbcfire.org/news_releases/index.asp).