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-Promotions-

Santa Barbara, Ca. April 9th, 2019- The Santa Barbara County Fire Department (SBCFD) is proud to announce the promotion of Rob Hazard to the position of Division Chief.

Chief Hazard began his fire service career in 1988 with the U.S. Forest Service working on the Los Padres Hot Shot Crew. Chief Hazard was hired as a firefighter with the Santa Barbara County Fire Department in 1998, promoting to Engineer/Inspector in 2002, Fire Captain in 2006 and Battalion Chief/Deputy Fire Marshal in 2016. Chief Hazard was a lead academy instructor for Wildland Firefighting and a member of the SBCFD Wildland Steering Committee. Chief Hazard has represented SBCFD on multiple teams and committees including the USFS Region 5 California Incident Management Team 7 and is currently a member of the local Type 3 Incident Management Team (XSB IMT3). Chief Hazard sits on the Santa Barbara Fire Safe Council as a Board Member and the FIRESCOPE Predictive Services Specialist Group. Chief Hazard is a 5th generation Santa Barbara native.

Chief Hazard's new assignment will be the County Fire Marshal position.



The SBCFD is also proud to announce that replacing Chief Hazard in the Deputy Fire Marshal position will be newly promoted Battalion Chief Garrett Huff.

Chief Huff began his fire service career with the California Department of Forestry as a firefighter and as a reserve firefighter with the Culver City Fire Department. Chief Huff came to the Santa Barbara County Fire Department in 2005 as a Firefighter Paramedic from the City of Paso Robles and has served our department as a firefighter/Paramedic, helicopter Crew Chief, Engineer/Inspector, and Captain, serving for 4 years as a Training Captain. Chief Huff represents our department on the local Type 3 Incident Management Team (XSB IMT3), FIRESCOPE Behavioral Health Working Group, and is the Secretary of the CalChiefs Training Officers.



The SBCFD would also like to recognize the promotions of Eric Gray, Jerald Weslander and Greg Franson to the position of Fire Captain. All 3 began their careers as Firefighters, promoted to Engineer/Inspectors, and are now station Captains.

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