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CAL FIRE Promotes Veteran Firefighter as Deputy Director of Fire Protection

Clare Frank appointed Deputy Director

Sacramento - Clare Frank, of San Jose, was promoted to Deputy Director of Fire Protection Programs for CAL FIRE. Director Ken Pimlott appointed Frank after serving three years as the department's assistant deputy director of Cooperative Fire, Training and Safety Program.

"Clare brings a unique background and past experiences to the positions including being a local fire chief, a lawyer and a law enforcement officer," said Chief Ken Pimlott. "With over 26 years of fire service experience, Clare will be a vital member of the CAL FIRE Executive Team."

Frank rose through the ranks, beginning as a seasonal firefighter for CAL FIRE in the San Mateo-Santa Cruz Unit in 1982. She has held a variety of field and management positions in the department, working in training, fire prevention, administration, civil cost recovery, and operations. From 2005 to 2009 Frank served as the Fire Chief for the City of Milpitas, a progressive, all-risk fire department in the San Francisco Bay Area.

Frank takes the reins as Deputy Director of Fire Protection following behind Chief Andy McMurry. "Clare and I started our careers at the same time in Santa Cruz County," said Chief Andy McMurry. "I couldn't think of a better person to be CAL FIRE's Chief of Fire Protection than Clare, she understands the complexities of the California Fire Service and has distinguished herself as a leader of leaders. Leaving the fire service after 32 years is hard, but it is a little easier when you know an old friend is now in command. "

Frank served as the president of the Santa Clara County Fire Chief's Association, an appointed policy committee member for the California League of Cities (for labor, personnel, and safety issues), a consultant for the U.S. Fire Administration's National Fire Academy curriculum development, and a Planning Section Chief on a CAL FIRE Command Team. As an attorney, Chief Frank practiced as a labor-employment lawyer, a California Deputy Attorney General, and a federal staff attorney for the U.S. District Court. In 2011, Frank completed a law enforcement academy becoming a California peace officer.

Frank holds an Associate of Science Degree in Fire Protection Technology, a Bachelors of Science Degree in Fire Administration from Cogswell Polytechnical College, a Juris Doctorate from Santa Clara University, School of Law, and is a member in good standing of the California Bar.

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Photo of Chief Andy McMurry congratulating Chief Clare Frank:
<http://www.fire.ca.gov/downloads/images/shakinghands.jpg>

Photo of Chief Andy McMurry pinning Chief Clare Frank's collar brass of three stars:
<http://www.fire.ca.gov/downloads/images/pinningbadge.jpg>