



Announcement – Assistant Deputy Director of Fire Protection Operations

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Joe Tyler to Assistant Deputy Director of Fire Protection Operations, effective January 1, 2016.

Chief Tyler began his career with CAL FIRE in 1990 as a Fire Fighter I in the Shasta Trinity Unit and promoted to Fire Fighter II/Paramedic in the Riverside Unit in 1997. In 1998, he promoted to Fire Apparatus Engineer and subsequently, Fire Apparatus Engineer/Paramedic in the Amador El Dorado Unit (AEU). In 2002, he promoted to Fire Captain/Paramedic in AEU. He reached the rank of Battalion Chief in 2008, serving in both Schedule B and Schedule A assignments. Chief Tyler served in this role until 2011, when he was promoted to Division Chief, serving as the Unit's Administrative Officer. He then transferred in 2014 to the North Division Operations and Growlersburg Conservation Camp Chief. In November 2014, Joe promoted to Staff Chief, overseeing the statewide Training, Safety & EMS Programs.

Chief Tyler has served on several Statewide committees and cadres. Joe is a qualified Type I Incident Commander, Type I Safety Officer, Type I Operations Section Chief, and has been a licensed paramedic since 1993. He was a member of CAL FIRE Incident Management Teams from 2005 through 2014, holding the position of Deputy Incident Commander on CAL FIRE Incident Management Team 3 until his promotion to Staff Chief in late 2014. His experience working in a variety of Units and assignments, as well as with Statewide programs, will serve him well in his new position.

Please join me in congratulating Chief Tyler on his new assignment.

KEN PIMLOTT
Director