



## **Announcement – Humboldt-Del Norte Unit Chief**

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Hugh Scanlon to Unit Chief of the Humboldt Del Norte Unit, effective December 2, 2014.

Chief Scanlon began his career with CAL FIRE in the Mendocino Unit at Jackson Demonstration State Forest as an assistant forester for the research program, and later as the assistant forester for timber preparation. In 1994, he promoted to Forester I in the Humboldt Del Norte Unit (HUU), as a forest practice inspector. While working in HUU, Chief Scanlon joined the Arcata Volunteer Fire Department, where he served for 9 years, moving through the ranks from Firefighter to Fire Captain.

In 1999, Chief Scanlon transferred to the HUU Planning Battalion Chief position. His responsibilities included VMP, fire weather, fire safe councils and grants, GIS and mapping. In 2012, he promoted to Assistant Chief, responsible for the Northern Division and Alder Camp.

Chief Scanlon also served in the US Navy, and worked for two seasons for the US Forest Service on the Shasta Trinity National Forest. He holds both Bachelors and Masters Degrees from Humboldt State University. He is a qualified Fire Behavior Analyst (FBAN), and currently serves as co-chair of the national S590 Advanced Fire Behavior steering committee. He served as the FBAN on CAL FIRE Team #3 for seven years.

Please join me in congratulating Hugh Scanlon on his new assignment.

KEN PIMLOTT  
Director