



Announcement – Northern Region Chief and Assistant Region Chief

I am pleased to announce the appointments of Scott Upton as the Region Chief, and Greg McFadden as the Assistant Region Chief of the Northern Region, effective January 1, 2016.

Chief Upton began his fire service career in 1983, as a volunteer firefighter with the Town of Paradise Fire Department, ultimately becoming a permanent fire fighter for the town. In 2002, Scott accepted a position with CAL FIRE as a Fire Captain B in the Conservation Camp Program, working at both Devil's Garden Camp in the Lassen Modoc Unit and Ishi Camp in the Tehama Glenn Unit. In 2007, Scott transferred to the Butte Unit where he served as an air tactical group supervisor at Chico Air Attack Base. Scott then accepted a promotion in the Sonoma Lake Napa Unit to Battalion Chief in 2009, and again in 2012 to Assistant Chief, where he was designated as the Napa County Fire Chief, overseeing the cooperative agreement with Napa County. Scott was appointed to Unit Chief of the Sonoma Lake Napa Unit in August 2014.

In addition to his operational responsibilities, Scott was instrumental in developing the "C" certified faller curriculum and also served as a member on the Department's Safety Officer instructional cadre. He has served as a Type 1 Safety Officer on CAL FIRE Incident Command Team 3 and as Incident Commander Trainee on CAL FIRE Incident Management Team 6. Scott holds an Associate of Arts degree in Behavioral Science from Butte College.

Chief McFadden began his fire service career in 1981, as a Firefighter I in the Tuolumne Calaveras Unit. In 1986, he joined the Santa Cruz City Fire Department, where he held the rank of Firefighter/Engineer. In 1988, he returned to CAL FIRE as a Fire Apparatus Engineer with the Butte Unit. For the past 28 years, Greg has been assigned to the Butte Unit, holding the ranks of Fire Captain, ECC Captain, Training Officer Captain, Training and Safety Bureau Battalion Chief, Field Battalion Chief, Administrative Division Chief, and most recently serving as the Butte Unit Chief and Butte County Fire Chief since August 2014.

Greg has served on various committees and teaching cadres, including President of the Butte County Fire Chiefs' Association, CFFJAC WIU curriculum, SFM curriculum development for Rescue Systems I, and teaching Internationally for Emergency Service Fund in Quintana Roo, Mexico and Talcahuano, Chile. He has served on Incident Management Team 3 as the Incident Commander trainee, Operations Section Chief, Branch Section Chief and Training Specialist. Greg holds an Associate of Science degree in Fire Science from Cabrillo College.

Please join me in congratulating both Chief Upton and Chief McFadden on their new assignments.

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Director