



Announcement – Southern Region Operations Chief

Chief Dampier started his CAL FIRE career as a Seasonal Firefighter (Firefighter 1) in the San Benito - Monterey Unit in 1979. He promoted to the position of Limited-Term Fire Apparatus Engineer (FAE) in the Humboldt - Del Norte Unit in 1985, and accepted a permanent promotion to FAE in Riverside Unit in 1986. He transferred back to the San Benito - Monterey Unit in 1989, as an FAE and later promoted to the position of Fire Captain in Riverside in 1990. In 2002, Chief Dampier promoted to the position of Battalion Chief in the Southern Operations Coordination Center - Riverside (SOPS) and to the Acting Operations Coordination Center (OCC) Division Chief in 2006. In 2009, Ray promoted to Division Chief as the Southern Region Safety Coordinator, and in 2010 promoted to the Deputy Chief for Southern Region Training and Safety. In 2012, he assumed the role of Acting Staff Chief of Operations at Southern Operations Riverside.

During his career, Chief Dampier has worked in Schedule A and B Fire Station assignments, Helitack, Emergency Command Center, Fire Prevention Planning and Engineering, Fire Investigations/Law Enforcement, Southern Operations OCC, and Training and Safety. He has served on numerous committees during his career, including OSHTAC, COMPLAG Advisory, Interagency Dispatch Steering Committee, CRIT, LOGS, 8100 Handbook, CNH, SAFECO, Statewide Training Committee, IMT, and the NWCG Fire Environment Working Team. Chief Dampier has an Associates of Science Degree in Fire Protection Technology and is a State Fire Marshal Certified Chief Officer.

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

KEN PIMLOTT
Director