



Appointment – Staff Chief, Training, Safety, and EMS Program

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Joe Tyler to Staff Chief overseeing the Training, Safety, and EMS Program, effective November 17, 2014. Chief Tyler will be shadowing Staff Chief Kay Price through December and will formally take the helm when Chief Price retires on December 30, 2014.

Chief Tyler began his career with CAL FIRE in 1990 as a Fire Fighter I in the Shasta-Trinity Unit, and then 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 and served in the AEU Training Bureau. He reached the rank of Battalion Chief in 2008, first assigned to Amador-El Dorado Unit Battalion 1, and then to Battalion 5 in Cameron Park. Chief Tyler served in this role until 2011, when he was promoted to Division Chief, serving as the Unit's Administrative Officer, and then in 2014 as the North Division Operations and Growlersburg Conservation Camp Chief.

Chief Tyler has served on several Statewide committees and cadres; the most recent being a member of the Statewide Hiring Working Group. Joe is a qualified Type I Incident Commander, Type I Safety Officer, Type I Operations Section Chief, and has been a licensed paramedic in good standing since 1993. He has been a member of various CAL FIRE Incident Management Teams since 2005, most recently holding the position of Deputy Incident Commander on CAL FIRE Incident Management Team 3. 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.

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Director