



CONTRA COSTA COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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CON FIRE PICKS VETERAN FIREFIGHTER FOR NEW ASSISTANT CHIEF, EMERGENCY OPERATIONS DIVISION

Assistant Chief Charles “Chuck” Stark Assumes Responsibility for All Emergency Operations District-wide

CONCORD, CALIF., Dec. 20, 2018 – Contra Costa County Fire Protection District (Con Fire) today announced the appointment of veteran firefighter Charles “Chuck” Stark to the position of Assistant Fire Chief – Emergency Operations Division effective December 1, 2018.

In one of the most important public safety roles in the District, Stark is responsible for all emergency operations of the District including oversight of some 300 firefighters and support staff.

“Our assistant chief of operations is among the most critical positions in the District, with responsibility for ensuring our life- and property-saving operations are carried out flawlessly, each and every time our firefighters leave their stations,” said Jeff Carman, Fire Chief, Contra Costa County Fire Protection District. “I couldn’t be more pleased to announce the promotion of longtime Con Fire firefighter Chuck Stark to this position.”

“I am both excited and humbled to be selected for this important position and am well-aware of the trust the public places in our firefighters and their leadership,” said Charles Stark, Assistant Fire Chief – Emergency Operations Division. “I look forward to working with our leadership team and our firefighters to ensure our community continues to receive the best emergency services anywhere.”

Stark was originally appointed as Interim Emergency Operations Chief on July 1st of this year, and, in his short time in this capacity, clearly demonstrated his abilities and potential for this all-important senior leadership position.

Stark is a 15-year employee of the Fire District who promoted through the ranks since being hired as a firefighter/paramedic in July 2003.

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Stark Promoted to Assistant Fire Chief – Emergency Operations Division /2-2-2

In prior District assignments as Battalion Chief, he led Battalions 1 and 7 and successfully managed numerous District programs including Fire Trails and Heavy Equipment, Fire Nozzle Evaluation, Digital Staffing Tools, and the Wildland Fire Suppression program.

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About Contra Costa County Fire Protection District

Contra Costa County Fire Protection District (Con Fire) -- a recognized fire service leader -- provides fire and emergency medical services to more than a million people across its 304 square-mile District area, and through mutual aid, in and around the 20 cities and unincorporated communities of Contra Costa County, California. With few exceptions, county emergency ambulance transport services are provided by Con Fire through its unique sub-contractor Alliance model. In 2017, the District responded to nearly 74,000 fire and EMS emergencies and provided expert medical care on more than 75,000 ambulance transports. The District, with 25 fire stations and more than 400 employees, is dedicated to preserving life, property and the environment.

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