



## CONTRA COSTA COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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### **CON FIRE ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENT OF DISTRICT'S DEPUTY CHIEF**

#### **Assistant Support Services Division Chief Aaron McAlister Assumes Deputy Chief Role**

**CONCORD, CALIF., May 3, 2019** – Contra Costa County Fire Protection District (Con Fire) this week announced appointment of Assistant Fire Chief Aaron McAlister to the position of deputy fire chief, effective May 1, 2019.

In his new role, McAlister will serve as second in command to recently appointed Fire Chief Lewis Broschard. McAlister will be responsible for overseeing the 400-plus-employee fire organization, among the biggest in the state.

"I am pleased to announce the promotion of Assistant Fire Chief Aaron McAlister to deputy fire chief," said Lewis Broschard, fire chief, Contra Costa County Fire Protection District. "Chief McAlister has more than demonstrated his potential for the challenges of this leadership role since joining the District as assistant chief of support services in 2016. I look forward to his continued contributions as deputy chief."

"I'm honored to be selected for this incredible and challenging leadership position for one of the busiest fire districts in the state," said Aaron McAlister, deputy fire chief, Contra Costa County Fire Protection District. "While we have accomplished much for the citizens we serve in recent years, significant challenges remain and I look forward to working with our team and community leaders to ensure we continue to deliver the very best emergency services anywhere."

As Support Services Division chief, McAlister developed and implemented a strategic fleet replacement program; managed the construction of Fire Station 16 in Lafayette; initiated the construction of Fire Station 70 in San Pablo and the designs of Fire Stations 9 in Pacheco and 86 in Bay Point; completed the District's solar energy project; initiated and completed the new administration building project; filled the long-term vacancy in the fire district apparatus manager position; established the fire mechanic I and II classifications; and managed numerous other equipment, apparatus, and facilities projects.

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## **McAlister Chosen as Con Fire Deputy Fire Chief – 2/2/2**

McAlister holds an associate of science degree in fire science from Solano Community College and a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Sacramento State University. In 2016, he became only the 33rd chief officer in the state of California to be certified as fire chief by the State Fire Marshal's office.

McAlister is a certified and qualified type 3 incident commander and was recently appointed as an incident commander for the East Bay Incident Management Team serving Contra Costa and Alameda counties. He is the alternate California Office of Emergency Services, Region II mutual aid coordinator, as well as the alternate operational area coordinator for Contra Costa County.

McAlister will maintain responsibility for the Support Services Division until his former assistant chief position is filled.



*Con Fire Deputy Chief Aaron McAlister*

### **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 2018, the District responded to nearly 75,000 fire and EMS emergencies and dispatched some 95,000 ambulances, providing expert medical care on more than 74,000 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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