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New Unit Chief Appointed for CAL FIRE

Felton – CAL FIRE Director Ken Pimlot has appointed Chief Ian Larkin as the CAL FIRE San Mateo-Santa Cruz Unit Chief. Chief Larkin replaces Chief Scotty Jalbert who recently transferred to the CAL FIRE San Luis Obispo Unit. Chief Larkin most recently served as the Unit's Deputy Chief of Operations and has over 28 years of fire service experience in CAL FIRE operations, training, emergency command centers, administration and state incident command teams. He now leads the Unit's 260 paid staff across 17 fire stations and 110 volunteers across 8 additional fire stations that serve and protect the citizens of San Mateo and Santa Cruz Counties.

As the Unit Chief of the San Mateo-Santa Cruz Unit, Chief Larkin also serves as Fire Chief for CAL FIRE's cooperative system with San Mateo County, Santa Cruz County, Pajaro Dunes and the Fire Protection Districts of Pajaro Valley and Coastside.

"Ian Larkin is a 5th generation Santa Cruz resident. We are lucky to have such a talented, community-invested individual to lead our County Fire Department", said Nancy Gordon, Santa Cruz County Director of General Services.