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## **DEMETRIOUS SHAFFER APPOINTED ALAMEDA COUNTY FIRE CHIEF**

The Alameda County Board of Supervisors announced the appointment of Demetrious Shaffer as Alameda County Fire Chief, effective December 31, 2012.

Demetrious Shaffer has served as Interim Fire Chief since June, following former Fire Chief Sheldon Gilbert's resignation.

"We are thrilled to announce the appointment of Demetrious Shaffer, who we believe will be an outstanding Fire Chief for Alameda County," said Nate Miley, President of the Board of Supervisors. "I also want to extend my sincere thanks to Chief Shaffer, who served with great distinction over the past six months as our Interim Fire Chief."

Shaffer began his career as a firefighter in Mountain View and steadily moved up the ranks before being appointed as the Newark Fire Chief in 2005, and is the current president of the California Fire Chiefs Association. He has successfully demonstrated his leadership during challenging financial times, and has been integral in consolidation efforts geared at achieving regional efficiencies in the delivery of fire services.

Susan S. Muranishi, County Administrator, said, "We look forward to working with Chief Shaffer and know that the department and the County will benefit from his past experience as a chief and his statewide leadership role."

The Board's action marked its fourth major appointment this month. On December 4, County Supervisors appointed LaDonna Harris as Chief Probation Officer, Brendon Woods as Public Defender and Tim Dupuis as Interim Director of Information Technology and Registrar of Voters.