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ALAMEDA COUNTY FIRE CHIEF RETIRES

County Fire Chief Demetrious Shaffer advised the Board of Supervisors that he plans to retire at the end of this year to spend time with his family. He was appointed as County Fire Chief in December 2012 after serving as the Interim Fire Chief for 6 months. Chief Shaffer began his career as a firefighter in Mountain View and was appointed Fire Chief for the City of Newark in 2005. He joined Alameda County when the City of Newark began contracting with the County for fire services in 2010.

Chief Shaffer has successfully led the department over the last 18 months during challenging financial times and has been integral to the consolidation efforts aimed at achieving regional efficiencies in the delivery of fire services. The County Fire Department now serves unincorporated Alameda County as well as the cities of Dublin, Emeryville, Newark, San Leandro, and Union City and the Lawrence Berkeley and Livermore laboratories.

Board President Keith Carson said, "The Board of Supervisors extends its sincere appreciation to Chief Shaffer for his vision, leadership and professionalism. He will be missed as a key member of the County's executive leadership team and we wish him all the best in his future endeavors."