San Miguel Fire & Rescue Appoints Fire Chief Andy Lawler



Spring Valley, CA (February 14, 2024) – At their monthly meeting, the San Miguel Fire & Rescue Board of Directors appointed Andy Lawler as the new Fire Chief.

Board President Jesse A. Robles conducted the swearing in of Chief Lawler, who began his EMS and Fire service career in 1994 as a Volunteer with Campo Fire & Rescue. He attended the Palomar Fire Academy in 1996 and completed paramedic school through Southwestern College in 1998. In 1999, he was hired with San Miguel Fire & Rescue where he has promoted through all ranks. He completed his Chief Officer series over 10 years ago.

Chief Lawler has a passion for teaching and has done so as an instructor for Miramar College where he too went to school years ago. He has also worked as an adjunct and lead instructor for numerous fire academies at Heartland Fire Training. He feels that teaching has been a way to give back to the career he loves and that has been so good for him and his family.

San Miguel Consolidated Fire Protection District is one of the largest Fire Districts in San Diego County, formed on July 1, 1988 through a merger of the Spring Valley and Grossmont/Mt. Helix Fire Protection Districts, and again on July 3, 2008 with the East County Fire Protection District. San Miguel serves nearly 140,000 residents, business owners, and visitors in the communities of Bostonia, Casa de Oro, Crest, Grossmont/Mt. Helix, La Presa, Rancho San Diego, Spring Valley and the unincorporated areas of El Cajon and La Mesa.



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