

## **BIO**

### **Dan Johnson -- Chief, Southern Region, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection**

Chief Johnson began his fire service career in 1982, as a volunteer Firefighter with the Riverside Unit (RRU). In 1988, he began his CAL FIRE career as an Heavy Fire Equipment Operator (HFEO) in the San Mateo Santa Cruz Unit. In 1990, Dan transferred to the San Bernardino Unit, where he worked as an HFEO and a Fire Captain B at Fenner Canyon Conservation Camp. In 1993, Dan transferred back to RRU, where he then worked as an HFEO, and as a Fire Captain in both State and Riverside County Fire stations. In 2005, Dan transferred to the Riverside ECC. In 2006, Dan accepted an LT Battalion Chief position as the Southern Region OCC Duty Officer, later promoting to the permanent Vegetation Management Program Coordinator Battalion Chief in RRU. In 2011, Dan promoted to Assistant Chief at the San Bernardino Unit, overseeing Pilot Rock and Prado Conservation Camps. In 2014, Dan promoted to the Deputy Chief of Contract Counties at the Southern Region Riverside Headquarters where he was responsible for maintaining all six cooperative agreements with the Contract Counties. In October 2016, Dan was appointed to the position of Assistant Region Chief for the Southern Region. He became the Acting Region Chief for the Southern Region in January 2018 and was appointed Southern Region Chief in October 2018.

Dan has worked in conjunction with local agencies in support of Fire Safe Councils, CWPP, and the Mountain Area Safety Taskforce (MAST) projects in RRU, and was very active with the implementation of the Department's cooperative agreements with Los Angeles County (LAC) Fire and US Navy Catalina Island.