

Jeff Maxwell was appointed Fire Chief of the Central Fire Protection District effective March 23rd 2010. Jeff offers a unique and distinctive background with a focused commitment to exceptional customer service. His career path has prepared him to be a strong ambassador for the Fire District within the communities we serve.

Jeff Maxwell began his fire service career close to 30 years ago as a volunteer in Santa Cruz County with the Zayante Fire District. He was hired in 1984 as a firefighter-Engineer with the City of Pacifica Fire Department.

In 1986, Jeff hired on to the City of Milpitas beginning a 20-year career. He was promoted to Company Officer in 1988 and assigned to a Truck Company.

In 1993, Jeff promoted to Fire Captain, worked Engine Companies and completed a two year assignment as Department Training Officer. His program specialties include program development as a Hazardous Materials Specialist in the heart of Silicon Valley and as a Technical Rescue Specialist. He served for the FEMA-US&R Task Force 3 as a rescue specialist at the World Trade Center and as a Planning Officer on the Hurricane Katrina deployment working for the Louisiana State Emergency Operations Center and assigned to the FEMA Branch Director as an Urban Search and Rescue Specialist. Jeff most recently deployed with Oakland US&R Task Force 4 to Galveston, Texas in 2008 as a Plans Team Manager for Hurricane Ike and was instrumental in coordinating the primary search for survivors in the City of Galveston.

Concurrent to his duties in Milpitas, Jeff became Fire Chief of the Zayante Fire District in 2000. This commitment to his local community offered an opportunity to give back to his neighbors who provided the mentoring and guidance in forming his career path. Jeff prides himself in his stewardship of public dollars as illustrated in the conversion to solar power of the headquarters station and refinancing of general obligation bonds to reduce tax burden on the community.

In 2007, Jeff joined the Moraga-Orinda Fire District as a Battalion Chief. His areas of responsibility consisted of Fire Operations and Support Services including Fleet Management, Communications and supervision of a 5 station platoon. The Moraga-Orinda Fire District provides exceptional fire protection and advanced life support transport service to the cities of Moraga and Orinda in Contra Costa County.

Jeff has an A.S. degree in Fire Protection Technology from Cabrillo College and a Bachelor of Science from San Jose State University in Political Science with a concentration in Public Administration.

Jeff is a certified Chief Officer, Strike Team Leader and a strong advocate for Wildland Urban Interface strategic planning, prevention, education and mitigation.

Jeff and his family reside in Felton, Ca. where his daughters, Anna (14) and Katie (12) go to SLVUSD Nature Academy charter school. A badge ceremony will be held for Chief Maxwell on March 22, 2010.

