

**WESTERN DIVISION
NATIONAL
URBAN SEARCH & RESCUE
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TO: Mike Tamillow, FEMA Field Operations Division, Director (Acting)
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FROM: Gerry Brewster, Western Division Task Force Leaders Representative

SUBJECT: Western Division Sponsoring Agency Chiefs Representative

Effective June 1, 2009, Fire Chief, Ray Jones, of the City of Sacramento Fire Department (CA-TF7), will replace Fire Chief, Chip Prather of the Orange County Fire Authority (CA-TF5), as the Western Division Sponsoring Agency Chiefs Representative. Chief Prather has announced his retirement effective July 2, 2009, therefore the Western Division Sponsoring Agency Chiefs have elected Chief Jones.

I would like to take the opportunity on behalf of the Western Division National Urban Search & Rescue task forces to thank Chief Prather for his leadership and dedication to the betterment of the National Urban Search & Rescue System. I wish Chip and his family health and happiness in retirement.

Attached is Chief Jones bio, as you can tell, the Western Division Sponsoring Agency Chiefs Representative position will smoothly transition with the continued passion and dedication to providing the citizens of the United States of America with the premier Urban Search & Rescue System in the world.

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City of Sacramento Fire Chief Ray Jones



- Sacramento Fire Chief Ray Jones has been a member of the Sacramento Fire Department since 1986. He has promoted through the ranks from firefighter to Chief. On February 6, 2008 he was sworn in as Sacramento's 20th Fire Chief. He heads a department with over 600 members that provide service to a population of over 500,000 customers.
- He is an alumnus of University of California at Davis, with Bachelors of Science degrees in Agricultural Science and Managerial Economics.
- Chief Jones is a member of Metro Chiefs, IAFC, and Cal Chiefs. He is a charter member of the Sacramento Area Fire Chaplaincy Association. Ray has served for three years as the Chairperson for the Sacramento Area Emergency Medical Services Association. He has had the privilege to serve on the Sacramento Area Hospital Council as the fire service representative.
- Ray Jones is a father of two sons and one daughter. He has been married to his wife for over twenty eight years. Ray is currently serving as a deacon at his home church in Carmichael CA. Ray enjoys reading and spending time with his family.