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South Lake Tahoe Fire Chief Jeff Meston Voted in as President Elect for California Fire Chief's Association

South Lake Tahoe, CA (August 9, 2017) – The City of South Lake Tahoe is proud to announce that South Lake Tahoe Fire Rescue Chief Jeff Meston was elected as President-Elect of the California Fire Chief's Association.

The California Fire Chief's Association is an organization that represents nearly all the 1,000 fire departments in the State of California. It was established around 1917 and currently has 925 voting members.

"I am truly honored to serve as President Elect for the California Fire Chief's Association, I am pleased that fire chiefs from throughout the state voted for my candidacy and have confidence in my leadership skills. I promise to work hard to move our mission forward," said Chief Meston.

The Board of Directors consists of 18 members, which include the Executive Board, and Area Directors. The Association has 8 sub-sections which include Administrative Fire Service, Communications, Emergency Medical Services, Emergency Management, Fire Mechanics, Fire Prevention, Operations and Training Officers.

City of South Lake Tahoe City Manager Nancy Kerry stated, "I am not surprised that Chief Meston's colleagues in the California Fire Chief's Association elected such a strong, vibrant and professional leader to such a position of honor. Chief Meston serves the community and City of South Lake Tahoe with a dedication to excellence in himself as well as the team of professionals he leads. We are fortunate to serve alongside him here at the City. I'm confident he will serve the Cal Fire Chief's Association membership and leadership team well this upcoming year and I know he'll be an inspiring leader as President next year. Please join me in congratulating Chief Meston!"

This is the first time a fire chief from South Lake Tahoe will serve as President. Chief Meston will serve a three year term; one (1) year as President Elect, one (1) year as President and one (1) year as Past President beginning at the annual conference being held in San Bernardino at the end of September 2017.

Additionally, South Lake Tahoe will benefit by having the latest cutting edge information about the California Fire service both operationally and legislatively. This will allow our agency to quickly react to improve our customer service and allow for us to share some of our innovations in the delivery of fire and life safety to our community.

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