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Assistant Chief Mark Mills Tapped as Interim Fire Chief

BIG BEAR LAKE, CA – At their regular meeting on August 11, Big Bear Lake City Council announced the official appointment of Big Bear Lake Fire Department Assistant Fire Chief Mark Mills as Interim Fire Chief, effective September 13. Mills' appointment comes on the heels of announcing that current Fire Chief John Morley is retiring, effective September 12.

Mills was appointed Assistant Fire Chief in November 2006. He has over 25 years of progressive experience in the fire service. Previous to joining the Fire Department, Mills served as Fire Chief in Edisto Beach, South Carolina. He had also served as Regional Supervisor & Adjunct Faculty for the South Carolina Fire Academy for fifteen years. As faculty, he coordinated all training in a seven county region, where he evaluated, recruited and trained instructors.

Mills holds an A.S. degree in Fire Science from Pikes Peak Community College, an Executive Fire Officer Certification from the National Fire Academy, a Chief Officer Certification from the California State Fire Marshal and numerous International Fire Service Accreditation Congress Certifications.

The City of Big Bear Lake is a four-season resort located in the heart of the San Bernardino National Forest, approximately 30 miles northeast of San Bernardino. The City serves a population of 6,500 residents and covers a 6.95 square mile area on the west end of Big Bear Lake's south shore. Recreation is offered year-round, including skiing, boating, fishing, camping, hiking, golf and fine dining. Visit us at www.citybigbearlake.com