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### **Big Sur Fire Announces Appointments for 2019**

Big Sur, CA – Big Sur Fire (BSF) announces promotions and appointments for the New Year. The 2018 Board of Directors appointed Deputy Chief Matt Harris to the Chief position beginning Jan. 1. Harris has been a member of BSF for ten years and has grown up in Big Sur.

BSF Engineer Rayner Marx has been promoted to Captain of Engine 7854. Marx has been a member of BSF for 6 years.

Firefighter Thomas Leahy has been promoted to Lieutenant of Engine 7852. Leahy has been a member of BSF for 5 years.

Medical Responder John Coombs has been promoted to Medical Lieutenant of Big Sur Fire. Coombs has been a member of BSF for five years.

“This year we are excited to promote some of our longtime members into positions of leadership and more responsibility. The membership is excited to learn from them and observe their professional skills in a new light,” Chief Harris commented.

The Big Sur Fire membership has also elected a new board of directors for 2019. They include: Chair Frank Pinney; Vice Chair Jim Betts; Secretary Barbara Sexton; and Treasurer Lana Weeks. Additional Directors include Corinne Handy, Matt Glazer and Joe Stutler.

The mission of the Big Sur Fire is to provide dependable fire protection and emergency services for Big Sur with teamwork, respect and integrity. Big Sur Fire was formed in 1974 to provide structure fire protection for the residents and businesses in the Big Sur area. BSF now provides both structure and wildland fire protection, along with rescue and emergency medical response for the Big Sur community and its over 5 million annual visitors. BSF remains an all-volunteer company, with about 25 members, responding to an area which covers almost 60 miles of coastline along Highway One.