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San Bernardino Assistant Chief Scott Tuttle (R) introduced the newest member of the department, Battalion Chief Bob Evans. Heather Clisby photo

Following the promotion of **County Fire** Battalion Chief Scott Tuttle to Assistant Chief last year, a new battalion chief was assigned to the Morongo Basin. Managing editor Tami Roleff introduces us to Bob Evans...

["I've been really happy with this fire district."](#)

Battalion Chief Bob Evans started his fire service career in 1991 as a paid-call firefighter in Highland. After serving with the US Forest Service, San Bernardino City, and various districts with county fire, Evans is now a battalion chief in the South Desert Division, which includes the Morongo Basin. Evans, who was assigned as a battalion chief for the South Desert in October, is enjoying his time here.

"It's been a brand-new area of the county for me; I always thought it was a neat place to be."

Evans says he's getting to know the various communities of Yucca Valley, Joshua Tree, and Twentynine Palms, and their residents.

"I've been welcomed with open arms from the community. I'm eager to serve and do the best that we can for all the people in the Morongo Basin. I'm excited to be here."

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Battalion Chief Bob Evans started his fire service career in 1991 as a paid-call firefighter in Highland. In 2000, after serving eight years with the United States Forest Service, he joined the San Bernardino City Fire Department. Chief Evans promoted through the ranks of firefighter, engineer and captain and in 2016 promoted to battalion chief. Chief Evans joined the San Bernardino County Fire Protection District (SBCoFPD) in 2016 as part of the San Bernardino City Fire Department annexation into the District.

Since joining the SBCoFPD, Chief Evans has served in the Valley, Mountain, and Wildland divisions, and now the South Desert Division which includes the Morongo Basin.

Chief Evans holds a Chief Officer's certificate through California State Fire Training and an associate degree in Fire Science.

Since transferring to the Morongo Basin in October 2020 Chief Evans said, “I am enjoying my time here in the Morongo Basin and really enjoy the people and its beauty.”

Chief Evans has two sons, 22 and 19, one in his senior year at Cal Baptist University and the youngest just graduated EMT school at Crafton Hills College.

In his off time, Evans enjoys spending time with family, riding his dual sport bike, and numerous outdoor activities in Lake Havasu.

“**San Bernardino County Fire** is excited to have Chief Evans working with us in the South Desert Division and serving the residents and visitors of the Morongo Basin. He brings a wealth of experience and knowledge,” stated Assistant Chief Scott Tuttle.

<http://z1077fm.com/morongo-basin-gets-a-new-county-fire-battalion-chief/>

<https://youtu.be/JQtcR-3BErc>

Explosion rocks home during fire fight

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County firefighters were joined by firefighters from the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center in battling this fire that was reported a little after midnight Sunday, Feb. 28.

TWENTYNINE PALMS —The sound of an explosion punctuated a late night, early morning firefight at a home in the 6400 block of Cholla Avenue here Sunday, Feb. 28.

County fire crews were dispatched to reports of a structure fire at 12:42 a.m. Neighbors said a house never to theirs was on fire.

According to information from the Morongo Basin sheriff's station, the fire began in a vacant duplex and jumped to a neighboring duplex, forced residents there to be evacuated.

Firefighters from station 44 in downtown Twentynine Palms arrived in four minutes and four heavy smoke and fire showing from the home. They heard a large explosion during their initial attack.

Crews used a transitional fire attack, working to knock the fire down then enter the home to complete a search and overhaul.

The fire was knocked down in approximately 30 minutes. **San Bernardino County Fire** responded with three engines, a Battalion Chief and a Fire Investigator. Combat Center Fire assisted with an Engine.

The fire is under investigation by fire investigators.

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Fire Destroys Multiple Vehicles in Devore 3-2-2021

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DEVORE- **San Bernardino County Fire** and Cal Fire BDU responded to a reported fire near the FedEx facility of Cajon Blvd in Devore on March 2nd, 2021 around 3:00 AM.

They arrived on the scene to find a fully engulfed pile of rubbish with possibly 2-3 vehicles involved spreading to the surrounding vegetation. At that time, a full vegetation fire was dispatched by **San Bernardino County Fire**. The forward rate of spread was stopped shortly after and crews were committed for 1-2 hours for mop-up.

An investigator was en route to the scene to investigate the cause of the fire.

No injuries were reported.

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