

Acting chief Mornard gets Aptos post

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Acting Aptos Fire Chief Chuck Mornard was named the department's new fire chief last night by the district's board of directors.

The vote was unanimous, 4-0, with director Don Griffin absent.

Mornard, 38, a Day Valley resident, succeeds Charles Streeter as the department's senior official. Streeter resigned the first of March in a settlement that paid Streeter \$25,000 in exchange for his resignation.

Directors had placed Streeter on leave and asked for his resignation in January after he was accused of violating district purchasing policies by buying vehicles and other equipment without first obtaining competitive bids.

Mornard is the first Aptos fire chief since 1970 to have worked his way up through the ranks. Mornard went to work for the department as a firefighter in September 1978, but was laid off in February 1979 following the passage of Prop. 13. He was rehired in April 1980. He was promoted to captain in August 1986; to administrative captain in November 1988, and to battalion chief in September 1989. He was named acting chief in January. His starting salary as fire chief is \$59,880.

He has lived in Santa Cruz county since 1958, graduated from San Lorenzo Valley High School, received an A.S. degree in fire science from Cabrillo College, a B.S. in business administration from California State University at Sacramento, and is now finishing work on a master's degree in public administration from San Jose State University.

He has worked as a private consultant on building and planning issues for private contractors and was also a private consultant for Apple Computers, teaching software application classes for fire departments across the country.

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