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Al Forbes

Aptos Fire District Names Assistant Chief

The Aptos Fire District board of directors has hired Al Forbes of Monterey to be the department's assistant chief.

Forbes, who was assistant chief of Monterey's 52-man fire department, assumed his new position last Friday. The assistant chief's position had been vacant since Nick Baumgartner replaced Dick Chinn as chief in 1978.

Forbes was selected by a management selection team from a list of 34 applicants.

In addition to his position as assistant chief, Forbes already has been tapped for service on the county Arson Task Force.

At Monterey, Forbes' primary responsibility as assistant chief was fire prevention and investigation.

Forbes says he applied for the Aptos job, viewing it "as a chance to become more involved in the operations of a fire department than at Monterey."

Chief Baumgartner says Forbes' role at Aptos will be "on the management team."

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