

# SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY FIRE | **ANNUAL REPORT**



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SAN BERNARDINO  
COUNTY FIRE



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# YOUR | FIRE CHIEF

The over 1,070 woman and men serving the San Bernardino County Fire District work hard to protect our residents and visitors throughout the 65 incorporated cities and unincorporated communities that we serve. These employees demonstrate a deep desire and dedication to meet the needs of our County in new and innovative ways; balanced by the tradition of duty, honor, and community involvement. Over the years, the role of the fire service has dramatically changed and increased in complexity, but our commitment to serve our community has become stronger.

Our District recognizes the importance of adaptability and the critical need to change with the needs of the community. While emergency medical responses make up the vast majority of our incident volume, we continue to experience a high amount of fires, technical rescues, and hazardous material responses. Our personnel train and prepare themselves to a very high standard in preparation of these emergencies. I believe we have the best employees in the fire service.

Over the next year, we'll be working hard to reduce the risk to our communities through public education, enforcement of public safety standards, and by the elimination of many direct causes of emergency incidents. We recognize that community risk reduction is a better public safety model than simply responding to emergencies.

I am exceptionally proud of our men and women that serve in all areas of the San Bernardino County Fire Protection District – they are all skilled professionals who are pushed to their physical, mental, and emotional limits daily. Their passion for serving and their commitment to our mission has become what the community expects, but it is recognized by me as being often a sacrifice to their families, friends, and their health.

We have designed this report to highlight our performance and accomplishments over the past year. I sincerely believe this report will make you as proud to live, work, and play in the County of San Bernardino as I am.

Yours in Service,

*Daniel R. Munsey*

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Fire Chief/Fire Warden



## MISSION | STATEMENT

**THE SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT** is a community-based, all-hazard emergency services provider. We are dedicated to the protection of the diverse community we serve, organizational sustainability, performance excellence, and safety. We accomplish this through a balance of regionalized services delivery and accountability to our local communities.



SAN BERNARDINO  
COUNTY FIRE

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# COMMUNITIES | SERVED

City of Adelanto  
Amboy  
Angelus Oaks

Baker  
Baldy Mesa  
Barton Flats  
Big River  
Black Meadow Landing  
Bloomington  
Blue Jay

Cedar Glen  
Crest Park  
Crestline

Deer Lodge Park  
Devore

Earp  
El Mirage

Fawnskin  
Flamingo Heights

City of Fontana  
Forest Falls

City of Grand Terrace  
Green Valley Lake

Harvard  
Havasu Landing  
Helendale  
City of Hesperia  
Hinkley

Johnson Valley  
Joshua Tree

Lake Arrowhead  
Lake Gregory  
Landers  
Lucerne Valley  
Ludlow  
Lytle Creek

Mentone  
Mount Baldy  
Mountain Home Village  
Mountain Pass  
Mountain View Acres  
Muscoy

City of Needles

Oak Hills  
Oro Grande

Panorama Heights  
Park Moabi  
Phelan  
Pinon Hills  
Pioneertown

Red Mountain

San Antonio Heights  
City of San Bernardino  
Searles Valley/Trona  
Silver Lakes  
Sky Forest  
Spring Valley Lake  
Summit Valley

City of Twentynine Palms  
Twin Peaks

City of Upland

City of Victorville

Windy Acres  
Wonder Valley  
Wrightwood

Town of Yucca Valley

# CEO | MESSAGE



The County has no greater mission than keeping our communities safe, and the men and women of County Fire are steadfast partners in that effort. From fire suppression to emergency medical services, and from disaster preparedness and response to hazardous material regulation and control, County Fire is a vital thread in the fabric of our San Bernardino County community. The outstanding comprehensive response to the July 2019 earthquakes near Trona demonstrated that every community in our vast county – no matter how small or remote – can expect exemplary professional service in their times of need. I look forward to continuing to work with the people of County Fire as we pursue our Countywide Vision.

Chief Executive Officer

*Gary McBride*

Gary McBride

## SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY | VISION STATEMENT

We envision a complete county that capitalizes on the diversity of its people, its geography, and its economy to create a broad range of choices for its residents in how they live, work, and play.

We envision a vibrant economy with a skilled workforce that attracts employers who seize the opportunities presented by the County's unique advantages and provide the jobs that create countywide prosperity.

We envision a sustainable system of high quality education, community health, public safety, housing,

retail, recreation, arts and culture, and infrastructure, in which development complements our natural resources and environment.

We envision a model community which is governed in an open and ethical manner, where great ideas are replicated and brought to scale, and all sectors work collaboratively to reach shared goals.

From our valleys, across our mountains, and into our deserts, we envision a county that is a destination for visitors and a home for anyone seeking a sense of community and the best life has to offer.



# BOARD OF | SUPERVISORS



CHAIRMAN | FOURTH DISTRICT SUPERVISOR  
**CURT HAGMAN**



VICE CHAIR | FIFTH DISTRICT SUPERVISOR  
**JOSIE GONZALES**



FIRST DISTRICT SUPERVISOR  
**ROBERT A. LOVINGOOD**



SECOND DISTRICT SUPERVISOR  
**JANICE RUTHERFORD**



THIRD DISTRICT SUPERVISOR  
**DAWN ROWE**

**SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY FIRE | RESCUE | EMS**





# ORGANIZATIONAL | CHART

**FIRE CHIEF/FIRE WARDEN**  
**DANIEL R. MUNSEY**  
 NOVEMBER 20, 2019 - PRESENT

**EXECUTIVE STAFF**

CONFIRE DIRECTOR  
**MIKE BELL**

PUBLIC AFFAIRS | PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER  
**TRACEY MARTINEZ**

OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES | DIVISION MANAGER  
**MIKE ANTONUCCI**

HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICER  
**THERESA DOYLE**

DIVISION 12 | FIRE MARSHAL  
**MIKE HORTON**

**HAZARDOUS MATERIALS  
 & HOUSEHOLD WASTE**

**COMMUNITY SAFETY  
 & FIRE PREVENTION**

DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF | OPERATIONS  
**INTERIM, KATHLEEN OPLIGER**

DIVISION 1 | WEST VALLEY  
**AC JEFF BIRCHFIELD**

DIVISION 2 | EAST VALLEY  
**AC DAN MEJIA**

DIVISION 3 | MOUNTAIN  
**AC RON WALLS**

DIVISION 4 | SOUTH DESERT  
**AC TOM MARSHALL**

DIVISION 5 & 6 | NORTH DESERT & HIGH DESERT  
**INTERIM, AC DAVE CORBIN**

DIVISION 11 | SPECIAL OPS/TRAINING

DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF | ADMINISTRATION  
**JOHN CHAMBERLIN**

DIVISION CHIEF  
**INTERIM, GRANT HUBBELL**

CONFIRE | MIS  
**YVONNE ROBBINS**

**BUDGET & FISCAL  
 SERVICES**

SUPPORT SERVICES MANAGER  
**CORBIN DORADO**

VEHICLE SERVICES SUPERVISOR  
**DALE SANDOVAL**



# AT A GLANCE | QUICK FACTS

SQUARE MILES IN COUNTY

**20,105**

SQUARE MILES COVERED BY COUNTY FIRE

**19,200**

POPULATION IN SAN BERNARDINO

**>2 MILLION**

INCORPORATED CITIES

**24**

PROFESSIONALLY STAFFED FIRE STATIONS

**48**





SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY IS THE FIFTH LARGEST COUNTY IN CALIFORNIA IN TERMS OF POPULATION, AT JUST OVER TWO MILLION RESIDENTS, AND THE LARGEST COUNTY IN THE CONTIGUOUS U.S. IN TERMS OF LAND AREA.



PAID/VOLUNTEER FIRE STATIONS

**9**

COUNTY FIRE PERSONNEL

**1,071**

FIRE SUPPRESSION PERSONNEL

**683**

2018/19 CALLS FOR SERVICE

**149,332**

COUNTY FIRE BUDGET

**\$323,303,800**

# PERSONNEL AND | EQUIPMENT

FIRE CHIEF

**1**

DEPUTY CHIEF

**2**

ASSISTANT CHIEF

**7**

FIRE MARSHAL

**1**

DEPUTY FIRE MARSHAL

**2**

DIVISION CHIEF

**1**

BATTALION CHIEF

**25**

CAPTAIN

**180**

AIRPORT RESCUE UNITS

**4**

AMBULANCES

**37**

BOATS

**5**

BRUSH ENGINES (TYPE 3)

**25**

BRUSH PATROLS (TYPE 6)

**28**

COMMAND POSTS

**6**

COMMUNICATION SUPPORT VEHICLES

**1**

CREW CARRIERS

**9**

DOZERS

**2**

FIRE ENGINES (TYPE 1 & TYPE 2)

**93**

FOAM UNITS

**0**

HAZARDOUS MATERIAL RIGS

**4**

HAZARDOUS MATERIAL SQUADS

**8**

LADDER TRUCKS

**6**

LOADERS

**14**

RESCUES

**8**

SNOW CATS

**9**

SQUADS

**15**

TILLER TRUCKS

**7**

WATER TENDERS

**20**



ENGINEER

**177**

FIREFIGHTER

**256**

\*PAID-CALL FIREFIGHTER

**31**

\*paid-call firefighters fluctuate throughout the year

SUPPRESSION TOTAL

**683**

PROFESSIONAL STAFF

**292**

FIRE SUPPRESSION AIDE

**12**

AMBULANCE OPERATOR

**84**

TOTAL PERSONNEL

**1,071**



# CALLS FOR | SERVICE

	Division 1 West Valley		Division 2 East Valley		Division 3 Mountain	
	FY 17/18	FY 18/19	FY 17/18	FY 18/19	FY 17/18	FY 18/19
<b>STRUCTURE FIRE</b>	345	708	558	1,055	30	112
<b>VEGETATION FIRE</b>	248	412	679	841	46	74
<b>VEHICLE FIRE</b>	319	303	417	458	46	47
<b>OTHER FIRE*</b>	410	340	1,075	900	110	54
<b>INVESTIGATION/ALARM</b>	2,068	1,851	2,443	2,005	651	413
<b>HAZARDOUS MATERIAL**</b>	606	154	539	97	91	21
<b>MEDICAL RESPONSE</b>	22,714	28,362	33,383	35,898	3,114	3,726
<b>PUBLIC SERVICE</b>	963	386	1,201	502	158	166
<b>RESCUE</b>	46	116	51	122	28	42
<b>TRAFFIC COLLISION</b>	2,672	2,856	3,547	4,077	278	466
<b>TRAFFIC COLLISION + EXTRICATION</b>	136	210	190	406	24	88
<b>FISCAL YEAR TOTALS</b>	<b>30,527</b>	<b>35,698</b>	<b>44,083</b>	<b>46,361</b>	<b>4,576</b>	<b>5,209</b>
<b>% INCREASE</b>	-	<b>14.49%</b>	-	<b>4.91%</b>	-	<b>12.15%</b>



Division 4 South Desert		Division 5 High Desert		Division 6 North Desert		Totals FY 17/18	Totals FY 18/19
FY 17/18	FY 18/19	FY 17/18	FY 18/19	FY 17/18	^FY 18/19		
146	239	199	503	308	447	1,586	3,064
111	180	183	235	342	353	1,609	2,095
113	69	232	226	298	210	1,425	1,313
249	143	347	371	504	259	2,695	2,067
674	524	1,138	1,017	1,852	1,323	8,826	7,133
98	7	165	43	180	66	1,679	388
9,320	10,282	12,535	15,255	24,053	24,147	105,119	117,670
426	266	506	299	809	224	4,063	1,843
9	27	21	34	20	29	175	370
673	646	1,366	2,036	2,148	1,956	10,684	12,037
43	129	106	280	187	239	686	1,352
11,862	12,512	16,798	20,099	30,701	29,253	138,547	149,332
-	5.2%	-	17.25%	-	-4.95%	-	7.78%

\*Other fires include rubbish fires, chimney fires, cooking fires, outside storage fires.

\*\*Haz-Mat incidents include explosions, fireworks, hazardous materials such as chemical, biological, and electrical hazards with no fire involved.

^Division 6 includes the city of Victorville service calls through March 31, 2019. Overall calls for service decreased due to closure of Victorville contract

# STATISTICS | MEDICAL AID CALLS

## ALPHA

**24%**

NON-LIFE THREATENING | BASIC LIFE SUPPORT

## BRAVO

**15%**

POSSIBLY-LIFE THREATENING | BASIC LIFE SUPPORT

## CHARLIE

**27%**

LIFE THREATENING | ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT

## DELTA

**32%**

SERIOUS LIFE THREAT | ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT

## ECHO

**2%**

IMMINENT LIFE THREAT | CLOSEST AVAILABLE





THE **MEDICAL PRIORITY**  
**DISPATCH** SYSTEM IS USED TO  
DISPATCH APPROPRIATE AID  
TO MEDICAL EMERGENCIES.



# STATISTICS | OFFICE OF THE FIRE MARSHAL

## HAZARDOUS MATERIALS DIVISION



	FY 17/18	FY 18/19
REGULATED FACILITIES	7,449	7,504
FACILITY INSPECTIONS	6,901	6,549
NON-EMERGENCY CALLS	367	299
HAZ-MAT TEAM RESPONSES	185	140
UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK FACILITIES	838	823
UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK SYSTEMS	2,295	2,331
REQUESTS FOR RECORDS & CERTIFIED RECORDS RESEARCH	752	722

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS REGULATION, RESPONSE, REQUEST FOR INFORMATION, CUPA





	FY 17/18	FY 18/19
LBS. OF HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGED	<b>3,701,121</b>	<b>3,684,936</b>
RESIDENTS SERVED	<b>61,915</b>	<b>67,895</b>
BUSINESSES SERVED	<b>261</b>	<b>292</b>

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE & SMALL BUSINESS HAZARDOUS WASTE

# STATISTICS | OFFICE OF THE FIRE MARSHAL

## COMMUNITY SAFETY DIVISION



	<b>County Areas</b> (Valley, Mountains, North and South Deserts)	<b>City of Fontana</b>	<b>City of Hesperia</b>
<b>INVESTIGATIONS</b>	160	61	45
<b>PLAN REVIEWS</b>	1,933	1,166	405
<b>PLANNING INSPECTIONS</b>	1,934	4,125	197
<b>SPECIAL EVENTS</b>	166	13	18
<b>ANNUAL INSPECTIONS</b>	1,582	634	665





City of San Bernardino	City of Upland	City of Victorville (July to March)	Totals
278	18	58	620
640	331	148	4,623
936	581	120	7,893
166	35	1	399
1,375	561	183	5,000

# SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY FIRE | BUDGET

FISCAL YEAR 2018/2019

## FINANCING SOURCES

COUNTY GENERAL FUND SUPPORT

**\$27,483,894** (8%)

TAXES

**\$84,771,681** (26%)

OTHER GOVERNMENTAL & GRANTS

**\$12,397,165** (4%)

FEES & SERVICE CHARGES

**\$94,001,068** (29%)

OTHER REVENUE

**\$11,666,724** (4%)

FUND BALANCE

**\$67,209,619** (21%)

RESERVE TRANSFERS IN

**\$25,773,649** (8%)

TOTAL

**\$323,303,800**



**EXPENDITURES**

SALARIES & BENEFITS  
**\$163,642,162** (51%)

OPERATIONS  
**\$47,228,857** (15%)

FIXED ASSETS  
**\$9,124,918** (3%)

OTHER REQUIREMENTS  
**\$56,302,802** (29%)

CONTINGENCIES  
**\$47,005,061** (21%)

TOTAL  
**\$323,303,800**

**CAPITAL SET-ASIDES**

CAPITAL REPLACEMENT  
**\$12,519,845**

TERMINATION BENEFITS  
**\$7,210,533**

TOTAL  
**\$19,730,378**

# SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY FIRE | GRANTS



## HOMELAND SECURITY PROGRAM

The San Bernardino County Fire Office of Emergency Services (OES) manages the Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) for the San Bernardino County Operational Area (OA). Through coordination with the Approval Authority, the grant award is allocated among local jurisdictions, law enforcement and fire agencies and other local agencies. To meet the objectives and strategies of HSGP, funding is allocated for projects in the following objectives: planning, organization, equipment, training, exercise and management, and administration.

The 2018 HSGP award for the entire OA is \$2,232,625. HSGP funds must focus on building, sustaining and delivering the 32 core capabilities essential to achieving the National Preparedness Goal of a secure and resilient Nation. Jurisdictions used their HSGP allocations this past year to purchase and install blast-resistant barriers for public buildings, automated license plate readers, personal protective equipment for first-responders to use during active shooter incidents, body-worn cameras, thermal imaging cameras to improve decision-making, and equipment to outfit and upgrade emergency operation centers (EOC). OES continues the enhancement of the

San Bernardino County CERT program through CERT equipment (backpacks, hardhats and vests). With these grant funds, OES is developing a repatriation plan as well as procedures to deal with a long-term power outage.

## EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM GRANT

The 2018 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) allocation of \$563,892 allowed the emergency management of San Bernardino County to complete various training, planning and equipment projects. Utilizing 2018 EMPG, cities/towns and county departments revised their Emergency Operations Plans, developed Hazard Mitigation Plans, or maintained their Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) programs. 2018 EMPG allocation has also been used to update the EOC and EOP plans throughout the county.

## GRANT SECURED FOR TYPE III BRUSH ENGINE

July 11, the SBCoFPD obtained a \$500,000 grant for a new Type III Brush Engine. Upon the request of County Fire, Assemblymember Eloise Gómez



Reyes of the 47th Assembly District petitioned Governor Jerry Brown's office to include the funding for the engine in the 2018 19 budget. The money is part of a \$10 million grant for local assistance from the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.

The Brush Engine includes a full complement of both wildland and structural firefighting gear, including SCBAs (self contained breathing apparatus) and an assortment of hose lines. The engine sits high and features a short wheel base with 4 wheel drive that allows crews to go off road into remote areas that a Type I structure engine cannot reach.

## **ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT**

The Assistant to Firefighters Grant (AFG), offered through FEMA, has granted SBCoFPD \$355,148. The primary goal of the AFG grant is to meet the firefighting and emergency response needs of fire departments and emergency medical service organizations. These funds allocated for FY 2018 were used for critically needed Hazardous Materials Response training for firefighters and emergency personnel.

## **CALIFORNIA FOR ALL GRANTS**

The San Bernardino County Fire Office of Emergency Services (OES) was awarded two "California For All Grants" totaling almost three quarters of a million dollars. The California For All Emergency Preparedness Campaign will provide emergency preparedness education and resources to California's most vulnerable populations, which can be described by social



vulnerability factors, including social isolation, poverty, language barriers, and other access and functional needs and challenges. OES will utilize Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) and Listos volunteers to engage San Bernardino County residents and encourage personal and community preparedness.

## **HMEP GRANT TO ASSIST WITH HAZ-MAT PLANNING**

In December 2018, the Office of the Fire Marshal was awarded a Haz-Mat Emergency Preparedness Grant (HMEP) for \$65,000 through CalOES and the United States Department of Transportation-Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration. The grant provides funding to update the Hazardous Materials Area Plan for county-wide response to hazardous material incidents and conduct a Commodity Flow Study which shows the quantities and routes of all hazardous materials coming into and leaving the County. The Area Plan program was established in 1986 as a planning tool for local government agencies to respond to and minimize the impacts from a release or threatened release of a hazardous material.

## **GRANT PROVIDES NEEDED RESPONSE EQUIPMENT**

The Office of the Fire Marshal obtained \$30,000 in Feb 2019 from the Spill Response Equipment Grant through California Fish and Wildlife, Office of Spill Prevention and Response to provide spill response equipment that can be pre-positioned in the County. The purpose of the grant is to provide equipment that will be deployed to contain an oil or fuel spill at or near a body of water to protect local resources and waters of the State. The grant purchases an oil spill response trailer and spill equipment like booms and absorbents, as well as a familiarization training program for those employees that would deploy the trailer. The trailer and equipment is staged near the Colorado River at Fire Station 32 in Needles.

# COMMUNITY | INVOLVEMENT



**SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY FIRE** is honored to serve our residents by staying active in our communities. We have the unique privilege to give back to the communities that we serve in accordance with our service motto - Duty. Honor. Community. We are proud to participate in various school events, fundraisers, blood drives, toy drives, disease research, burn victim charities, and other various charity events throughout the year including:

## **THE SPARK OF LOVE TOY DRIVE**

which has successfully collected more than ten million toys and sports equipment for underserved children and teens in Southern California.

## **FILL-THE-BOOT**

which raises money for many disease research organizations, including raising tens of thousands for the Muscular Dystrophy Association this year.

## **THE MAKE-A-WISH FOUNDATION**

which seeks to grant the wish of every child diagnosed with a critical illness.

## **READ ACROSS AMERICA**

which benefits from San Bernardino County's Vision2Read campaign. Vision2Read helps

focus attention on the importance of reading, highlights literacy-related programs and services throughout the county and connects people to available literacy resources and/or volunteer opportunities.

## **NATIONAL NIGHT OUT**

is an annual community-building campaign that promotes public safety partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. The event brings public safety and neighbors together under positive circumstances.

## **SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY'S VISION4SAFETY**

campaign which aims to bring people together to create safer neighborhoods, schools and workplaces in all of our cities, towns and communities. We are your local fire department. It is our honor to do what we can to support the citizens of our communities.





**DUTY. HONOR. COMMUNITY.**







**INTEGRITY. COMPASSION.**



## **DON TRAPP TAKES HELM AS INTERIM FIRE CHIEF/FIRE WARDEN**

On February 4, 2019 County CEO Gary McBride announced the appointment of 29-year veteran, Deputy Fire Chief Don Trapp, as SBCoFire's interim fire chief/fire warden following the resignation of Fire Chief Mark Hartwig; who accepted an offer to serve as Fire Chief for Santa Barbara County. The Fire District underwent tremendous growth during Hartwig's eight-year tenure as Chief, including a partnership with the Crest Forest Fire Protection District and the cities of Needles, Hesperia, San Bernardino, Upland and Twenty-nine Palms to annex into the District.

## **HESPERIA ANNEX'S INTO SBCoFPD**

On November 1, 2018 the City of Hesperia completed a two-year annexation process transferring fire protection responsibilities to the SBCoFPD; providing the city with a sustainable long-term solution to fire, rescue and emergency medical services while enhancing the delivery and scope of those services. County Fire has been serving the citizens of Hesperia through a contract since June 2004.

## **SERVICE ZONE FP-5 EXPANSION**

The SBCoFPD Board of Directors passed Resolution 2018-99 on October 16, 2018 to expand the boundaries of Service Zone FP-5. Service Zone FP-5 only covered the area of Helendale and the cities of San Bernardino, Needles, 29 Palms, Upland, and San Antonio Heights but will now include all territories within the jurisdiction of the District. The extension of the FP-5 boundaries will fill the \$29 million budget shortfall, while maintaining current fire protection and emergency services within the District's territories.

## **FONTANA EOC OPENS**

In an effort to better serve and protect the community in case of a city-wide disaster, the City of Fontana celebrated on August 29, 2018

the grand opening of the brand-new Emergency Operations Center (EOC). Located within the Fontana Police Department headquarters at 17005 Upland Avenue, the EOC will serve as the focal point for coordinating planning, response, recovery and mitigating efforts if a city-wide disaster takes place. The center is equipped with numerous large monitors as well as work areas where responders can focus. It is also equipped with audio-visual connections to allow for easy dissemination of information to the public.

## **IMPROVED PUBLIC PROTECTION CLASSIFICATION RATING**

In March 2019, the Insurance Service Office (ISO) announced that SBCoFPD received a much-improved Public Protection Classification (PPC) for underwriting and calculating fire insurance premiums for residential, commercial and industrial properties within their fire district. The ISO analysis of the fire district resulted in improved classifications in the East Valley and South Desert, and the cities of San Bernardino and 29 Palms.

ISO ratings are based on an array of things, including suppression capabilities, emergency communication systems, water supply, and community risk reduction. A good ISO rating directly translates into insurance cost savings for residents and business owners. For more information, visit [sbcfire.org](http://sbcfire.org) under press room.

## **TOWER X READY FOR SERVICE**

The SBCoFPD Tower X Fire Academy kicked off on April 15, 2019. "United Through Strength", these 19 cadets conquered a physically and mentally grueling 16-week journey and became the next generation of San Bernardino County Firefighter/Paramedics on August 1, 2019. The academy trained them in firefighting, rescue, and emergency medical services and prepared them for the challenge ahead. Their hard work, dedication, and sacrifices will be felt for years to come throughout the County of San Bernardino.

# MOVING | FORWARD

## AMBULANCES RECEIVE EQUIPMENT UPGRADE & NEW LOOK

In July 2018, the District placed several new-specification ambulances into service in its ambulance transport areas. Most visual of the differences is its all red color. This new color scheme brings the District's ambulances in line with the new look of the engines and other emergency equipment being purchased; standardizing all emergency equipment.

One significant upgrade is the addition of a Stryker Power-LOAD cot fastener system which reduces the risk of injuries when loading and unloading ambulance gurneys. The Power-LOAD cot fastener system improves operator and patient safety by supporting the gurney throughout the loading and unloading process. The reduction in spinal load on EMS personnel helps prevent cumulative trauma injuries. Power-LOAD meets SAE J3027 dynamic crash test standards and minimizes patient drops by supporting the gurney until the wheels are on the ground. The ambulance is also outfitted with front and rear FireComm headsets. This dramatically reduces hearing damage due to long term exposure to emergency warning signals while improving crew member communications and safety.

## UPGRADED TECHNOLOGY IMPROVES RESPONSE CAPABILITIES

In 2019, SBCoFD began a rollout of the Intterra incident management system. This system provides a centralized, visual picture of all agency resources, operations, preplans, reports and analytics in real-time. Intterra is a mobile and immediate cloud-based system that allows County Fire personnel to share data with crews and cooperators, empowering them to make critical decisions during a disaster that will help save lives and limit damages

During an incident, the incident commander will have information available at a glance including, status of apparatus and fire maps. Crews are able to develop structure, wildland, and special event preplans that are made available to all responding units, giving first responders the best chance to protect residents and their property during a disaster.



## SAVE CARDS OFFER IMMEDIATE AID

As the first responders, it is firefighters who are called upon to provide comfort to such a family on the worst day of their lives. A partnership which began in July 2019 called Supplying Aid to Victims of Emergency (SAVE) allows our firefighters to help those victims take the first step towards healing. Funded by the California Fire Foundation through private donations, SAVE lets incident commanders on scene of a disaster offer immediate financial assistance to victims who suffer a substantial property loss.

Under the innovative program, County Fire battalion chiefs carry \$100 Mastercard SAVE gift cards on calls that threaten significant property damage. If the property loss is judged to be greater than 25% of the total value, the chief is authorized to immediately issue a SAVE card to the individual/family affected by the disaster.

## ILLEGAL FIREWORKS ENFORCEMENT

The Office of the Fire Marshal led a multi agency illegal fireworks interdiction operation at key locations throughout the region, preventing the transport of dangerous fireworks into the county and surrounding areas. Fire officials worked undercover and on patrol with law enforcement to stop illegal sales and use of these fireworks.

Over 60,000 pounds of dangerous and illegal fireworks were seized, over a hundred administrative citations written resulting in over \$100,000 in fines, and hundreds of individuals contacted with public information and outreach materials regarding fireworks safety.





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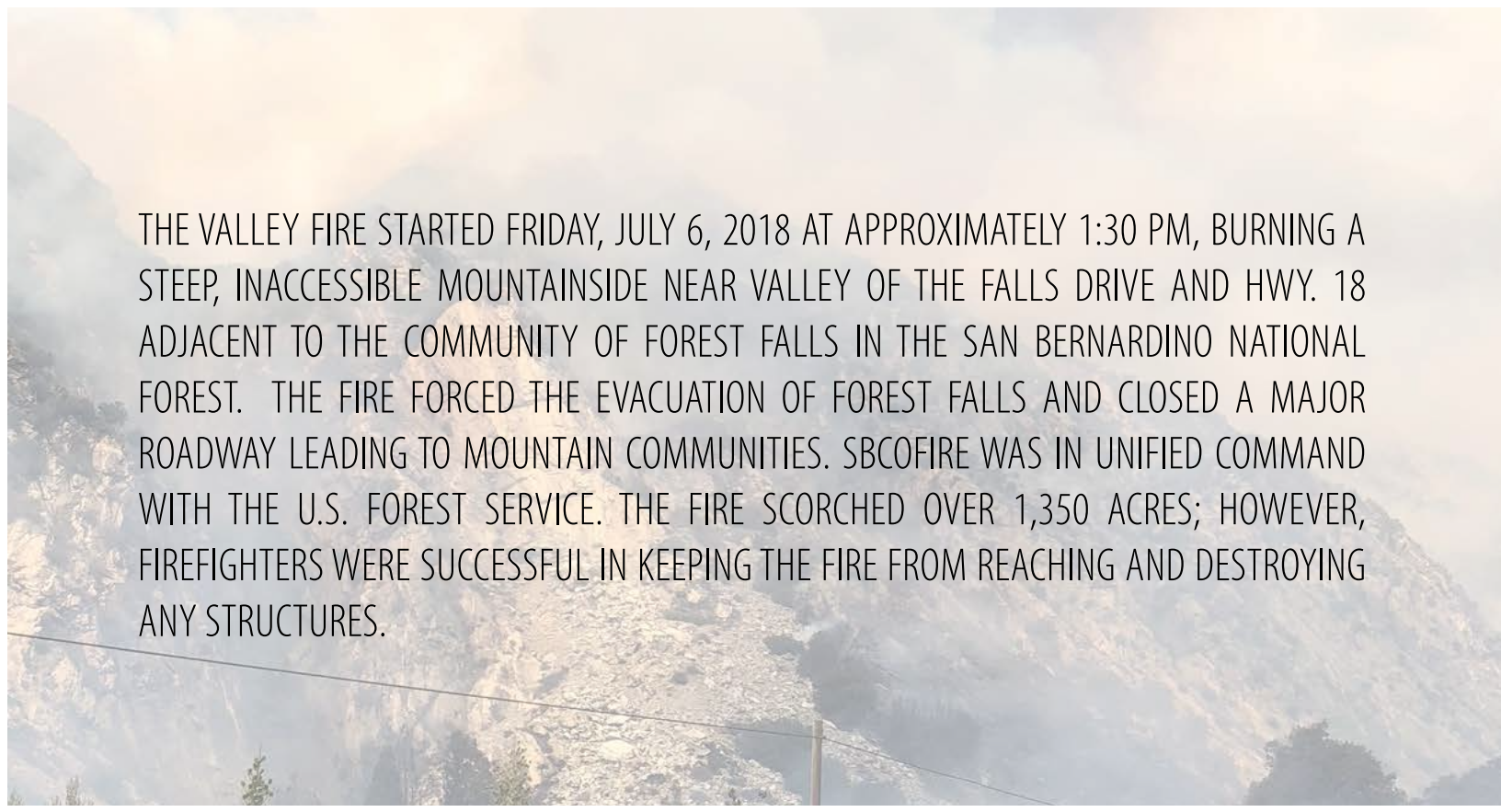
# THE | VALLEY FIRE





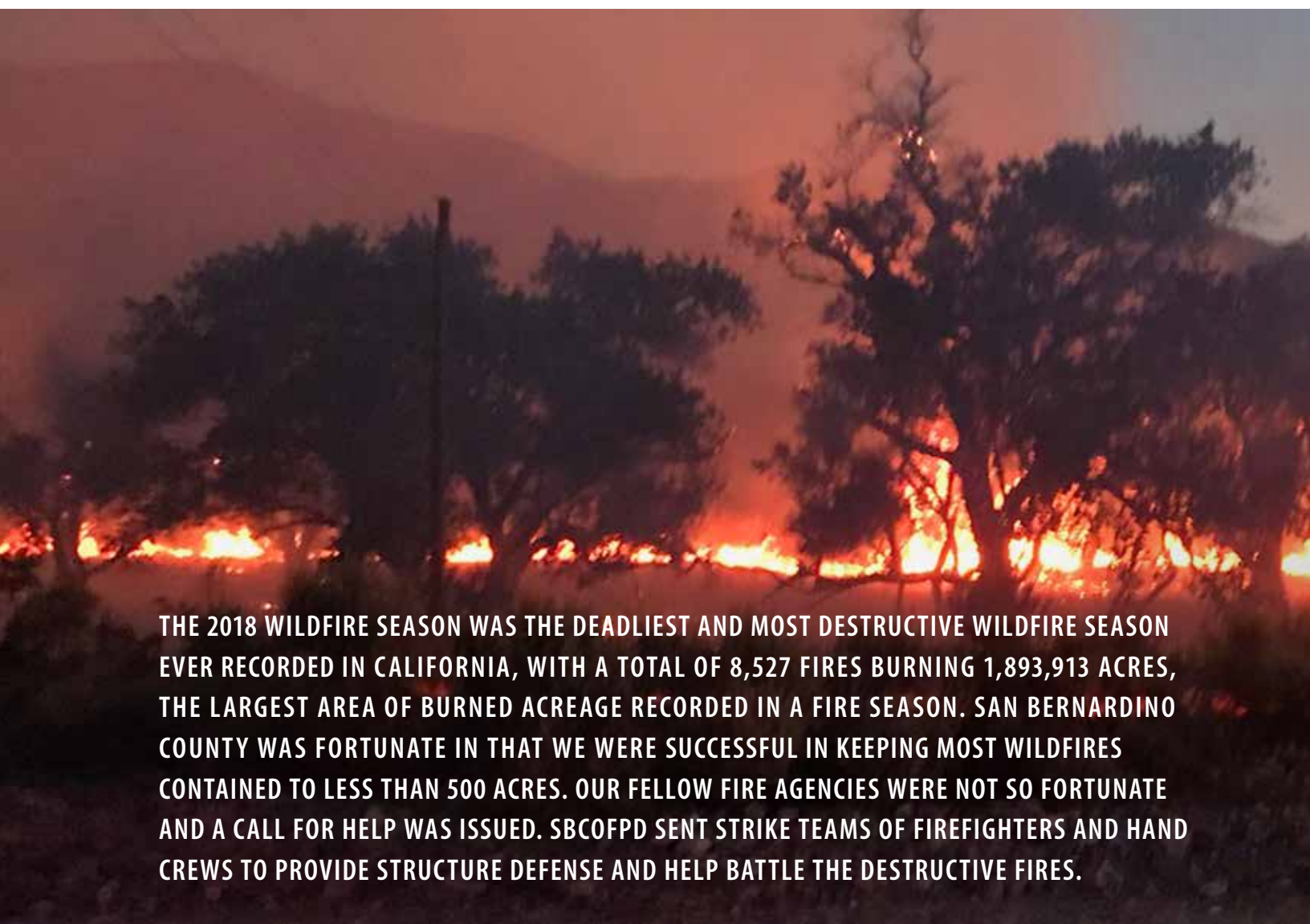


THE VALLEY FIRE STARTED FRIDAY, JULY 6, 2018 AT APPROXIMATELY 1:30 PM, BURNING A STEEP, INACCESSIBLE MOUNTAINSIDE NEAR VALLEY OF THE FALLS DRIVE AND HWY. 18 ADJACENT TO THE COMMUNITY OF FOREST FALLS IN THE SAN BERNARDINO NATIONAL FOREST. THE FIRE FORCED THE EVACUATION OF FOREST FALLS AND CLOSED A MAJOR ROADWAY LEADING TO MOUNTAIN COMMUNITIES. SBCOFIRE WAS IN UNIFIED COMMAND WITH THE U.S. FOREST SERVICE. THE FIRE SCORCHED OVER 1,350 ACRES; HOWEVER, FIREFIGHTERS WERE SUCCESSFUL IN KEEPING THE FIRE FROM REACHING AND DESTROYING ANY STRUCTURES.





# RESPONDING | CALLS FOR ASSISTANCE



THE 2018 WILDFIRE SEASON WAS THE DEADLIEST AND MOST DESTRUCTIVE WILDFIRE SEASON EVER RECORDED IN CALIFORNIA, WITH A TOTAL OF 8,527 FIRES BURNING 1,893,913 ACRES, THE LARGEST AREA OF BURNED ACREAGE RECORDED IN A FIRE SEASON. SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY WAS FORTUNATE IN THAT WE WERE SUCCESSFUL IN KEEPING MOST WILDFIRES CONTAINED TO LESS THAN 500 ACRES. OUR FELLOW FIRE AGENCIES WERE NOT SO FORTUNATE AND A CALL FOR HELP WAS ISSUED. SBCOFPD SENT STRIKE TEAMS OF FIREFIGHTERS AND HAND CREWS TO PROVIDE STRUCTURE DEFENSE AND HELP BATTLE THE DESTRUCTIVE FIRES.





### **FERGUSON FIRE**

started in the Sierra National Forest on July 13, 2018 and burned 96,824 acres. Two firefighters were killed and nineteen others were injured in the fire.

### **CRANSTON FIRE**

ignited July 25, 2018 by an arsonist near Hwy. 243 and Hwy. 74 in Idyllwild; consuming 13,139 acres, with over 7,000 people evacuated.

Burning 459,123 acres, the **MENDOCINO COMPLEX FIRE** broke out July 27, 2018 near Ukiah in Northern California. The fire became the largest fire in California history when the River Fire and the Ranch Fire combined to make one large fire. The fires collectively destroyed 280 structures.

July 28, 2018 Shasta and Trinity counties experienced the **CARR FIRE**, burning 98,724 acres and destroying over 1,600 structures, at least 1,077 of these were homes.

### **THE HOLY FIRE**

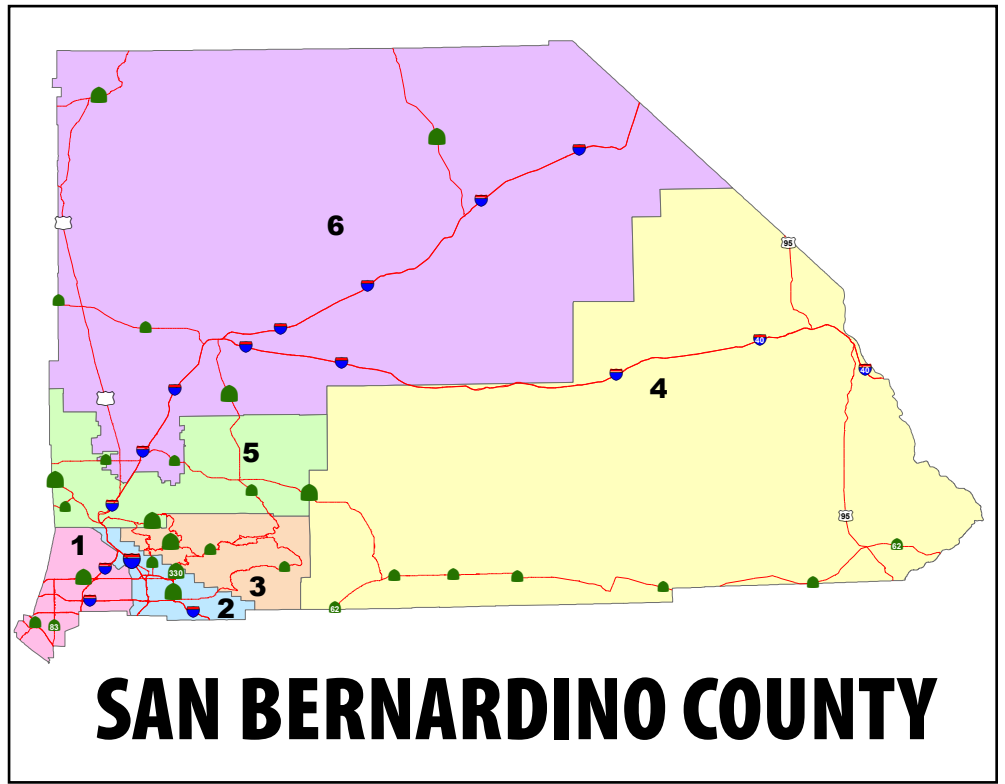
was started by an arsonist in the Cleveland National Forest near Lake Elsinore on August 6, 2018. The fire burned 23,136 acres.

November 8, 2018 Butte County, roughly 140 miles north of Sacramento, experienced the deadly **CAMP FIRE**. The fire burned 153,336 acres, destroyed nearly 19,000 structures, and took 85 civilian lives. SBCoFPD's USAR Regional Task Force 6 was assigned to the deadly fire to assist with missing person recovery efforts.

### **THE WOOLSEY FIRE**

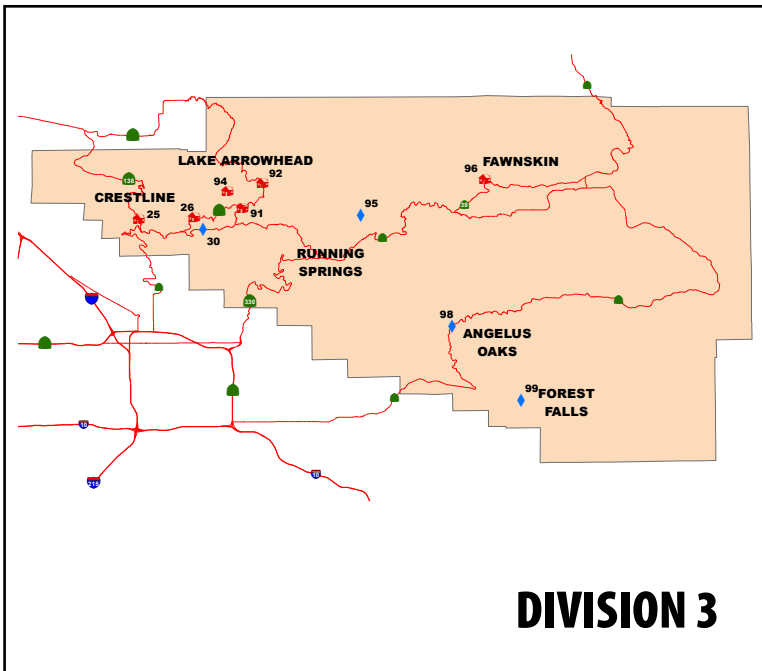
ignited on November 8, 2018 in Ventura County south of Simi Valley and quickly spread into adjacent Los Angeles County. The fire burned 96,949 acres, prompting the evacuation of more than 295,000 people, destroyed 1,643 structures, and took 3 civilian lives.

# San Bernardino County Fire Divisions and Stations

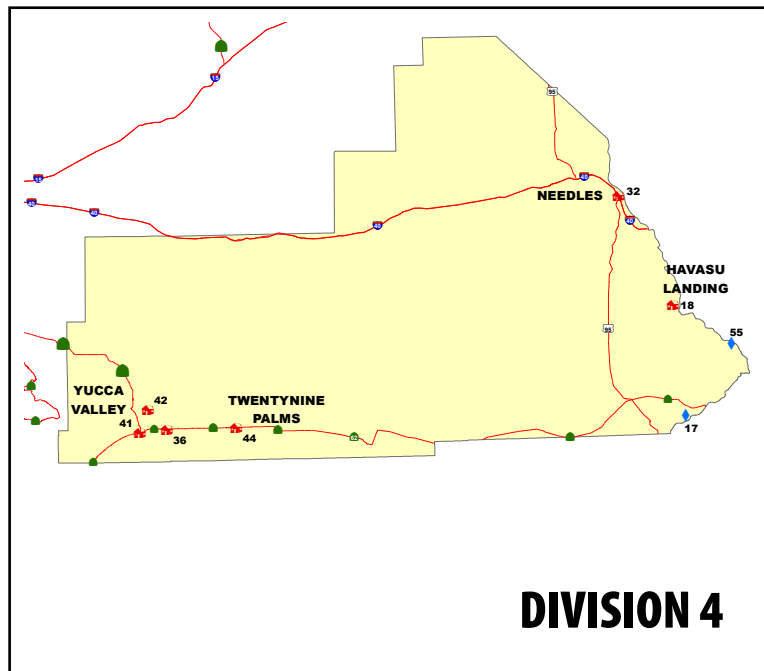


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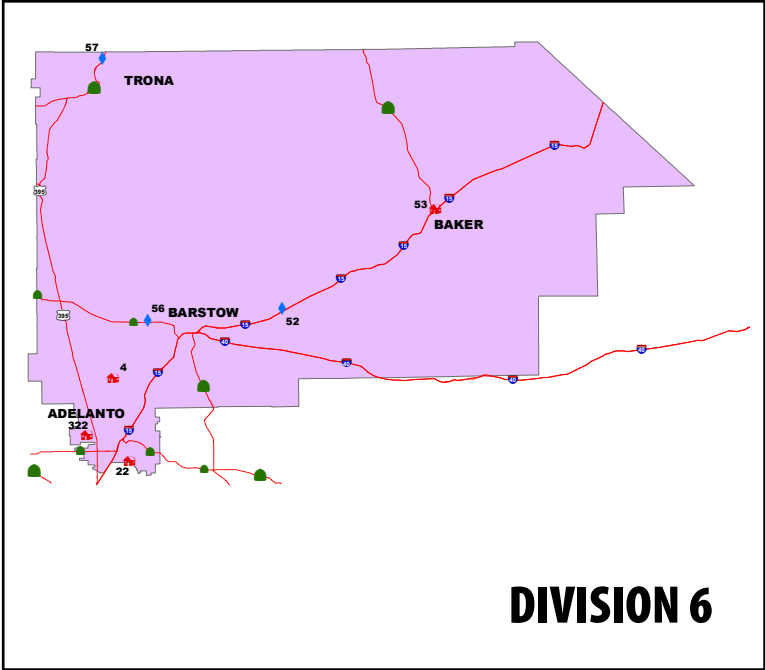
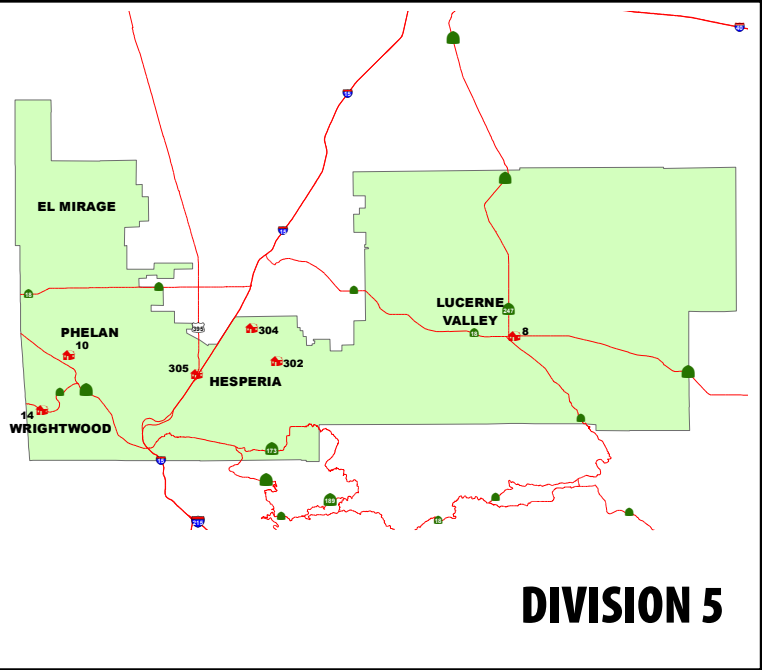
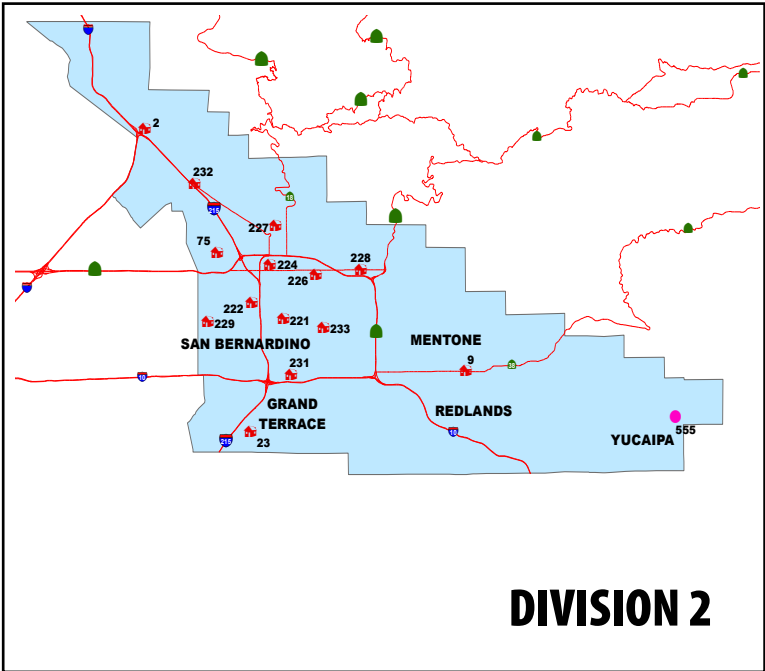
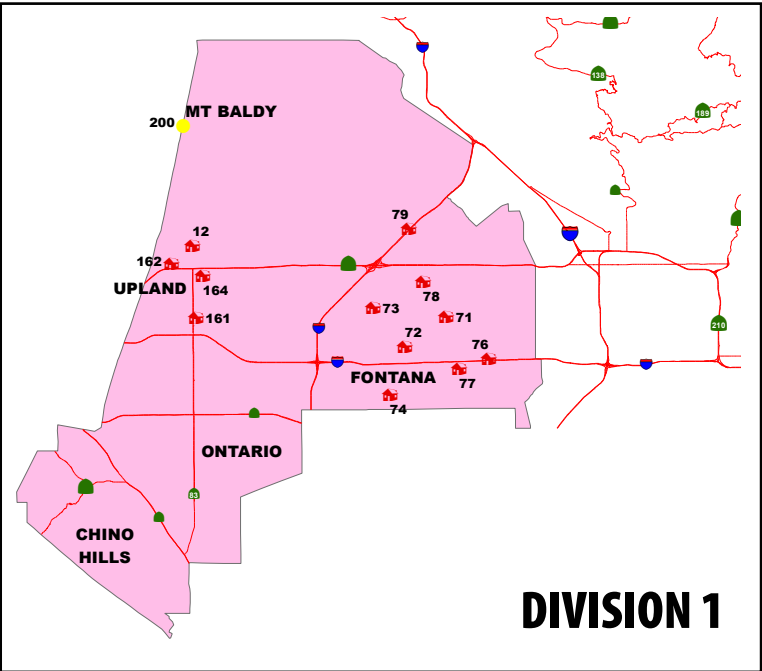
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# SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY FIRE | STATION MAP



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