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San Bernardino County Firefighter Jerkins learning how to harness a horse.

San Bernardino County has taken a significant step towards ensuring the safety and well-being of its animal population by launching the [Large Animal Rescue Team](#), a specialized division dedicated to rescuing animals in need during natural disasters. The team is based out of Fire Station 305 in Hesperia, California, which also houses an Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) unit.

Natural disasters in California, such as [wildfires](#) and earthquakes, have been increasing in frequency and intensity over recent years. According to the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, over 4 million acres were burned in 2020 alone. These disasters often leave countless animals, both wild and domestic, in need of rescue.

“The new equipment and trailer are vital for rescuing large animals where conventional fire & rescue tools are unable to assist,” says Battalion Chief Mike McClintock. “Specialized tools, harnesses, and equipment will allow firefighters to safely rescue horses, cows, or other large livestock.” The team has a 400-pound realistic horse prop to facilitate training, ensuring they are prepared for real-life rescue scenarios.

The Large Animal Rescue Team’s jurisdiction extends throughout [San Bernardino County](#), and it can also be activated in neighboring areas. In March, the team was activated in the community of Muscoy (suburb of San Bernardino), where they rescued 17 large animals stuck in deep mud. In addition to the large animals, crews rescued 30 medium-sized animals.

The team works in close collaboration with the USAR unit, which is trained to respond to a wide range of emergency situations. “Urban Search and Rescue teams respond to events such as earthquakes and other incidents that cause widespread damage to a variety of structures and entrap up to hundreds or thousands of people,” explains McClintock. The USAR team has recently been deployed for two weeks during the unprecedented storms in local mountains, providing structural triage, shoring, and rescue operations in affected areas.

Chief McClintock emphasizes the importance of inter-agency cooperation and training: “USAR personnel this week have been providing in-service training to area crews to familiarize our firefighters with the new equipment.”

As natural disasters continue to be a significant concern for Californians, the Large Animal Rescue Team’s presence provides an essential safety net for the animal population, ensuring that countless lives are saved in the face of adversity. Their devotion to their mission is a heartwarming reminder of the strength and resilience of the human spirit, and the importance of community in times of crisis.

<https://iecn.com/san-bernardino-county-fire-heroes-in-helmets-as-agency-launches-large-animal-rescue-team/>

Police seek suspect who shot man with pellet gun in Fontana

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Police investigate a shooting incident in Fontana on April 10. (Contributed photo by Gilbert Gonzalez)

A man was shot and wounded during an incident in Fontana on April 10, according to the Fontana Police Department.

At 6:12 p.m., police received a call of shots fired in the area of Arrow Boulevard and Locust Avenue in the eastern area of the city, said Public Information Officer Daniel Romero.

Officers arrived on the scene and located the victim with a wound to his leg. Further investigation revealed the wound was the result of a BB from a pellet gun.

The victim declined medical attention from **San Bernardino County Fire** and AMR paramedics on the scene.

Officers conducted an extensive search of the area but were unable to locate the suspect.

The case is still under investigation.

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