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## **County Fire & Marine Base mutual aid agreement benefits Barstow**

SAN BERNARDINO- Tuesday morning, the Board of Supervisors approved an automatic aid/mutual aid agreement between the San Bernardino County Fire Protection District (SBCFPD) and the Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow (MCLBB) for emergency incident response.

Automatic aid/mutual aid is provided on a voluntary basis and at no cost to either party. The agreement is valid for a period of three years from the date of execution.

The general region served by this agreement is the Barstow area of Interstate Highways 15 and 40. The purpose of entering into these agreements is to provide the closest engine response within proximity of each party's designated boundaries, and to provide the most expeditious response to suppress fires and render other emergency services to the community.

Board Chairman James Ramos commented, "With this agreement we hope to capitalize on the types of emergency services already being provided to our residents. A quicker response time in any emergency situation could be life-saving."

More information on this item can be found in the May 3, 2016 Board agenda at <http://cob-sire.sbcounty.gov/sirepub/>.

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