

# News

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## **Emergency Communications Tower Completed in Chino Hills**

Chairman and Fourth District Supervisor Gary Ovitt spoke at a ceremony in honor of the completion of the building of a new emergency communications tower in Chino Hills. Ovitt was joined by Chino Hills Mayor Peter Rogers and Councilman Ed Graham along with President Ray Marquez and Director John DeMonaco of the Chino Valley Independent Fire District.

“This new emergency communications site will increase radio signal coverage in the Carbon Canyon service area for law, fire, and EMS first responders,” Ovitt said. “It will enhance public safety communication to better protect the lives and personal property of residents in the Carbon Canyon community of Chino Hills. The recent Freeway Complex fire that threatened Chino Hills greatly exposed how large of an issue the lack of communication was.”

“The location at the top of Canon Lane was selected after an exhaustive study,” said Mayor Peter Rogers. “We asked for additional review and required return visits to alternative sites to verify that the Canon Lane site provided the best emergency radio coverage to solve the many gaps in communications in the Canyon.”

The communications tower is a 70 foot 800MHz antenna with an emergency generator. It is located at 16428 Canon Lane in Chino Hills. The new site location has been determined to be at the best location to maximize public safety radio coverage in Chino Hills and especially the Carbon Canyon area. Costs for this communications tower included a construction budget are \$580,000 and the radio equipment budget is \$600,000 for a total of \$1,180,000.

This facility benefits the health, safety and welfare of the surrounding community by supporting the emergency radio dispatch and incident coordination activities of the San Bernardino County Sheriff, Chino Valley Independent Fire District, local ambulance service providers in the Carbon Canyon area, as well as other municipal and county departments that utilize 800 MHz radios to facilitate their communications needs.

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