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Paramedic Program Implemented in Wonder Valley

It is with great pleasure and excitement that the San Bernardino County Fire Department is now providing first responder paramedic services to the citizens and visitors of the Wonder Valley community. To date, firefighters have provided basic life support services to patients in need and advance life support services were performed upon arrival of an ambulance.

"We are very excited about the new level of service that will no doubt be a benefit to our residents of the Wonder Valley community" stated Division Chief John Salvate.

Six Limited Term (LT) firefighters have been hired for the Wonder Valley Station, located at 80526 Amboy Road. Two personnel will staff each of the three shifts for 24-hour coverage with one firefighter certified as a paramedic to deliver that advanced life support service.

The LT Firefighter Program is not new to County Fire as the program has been used since September 1998. The typical term of the LT is three years with a possible extension to a fourth year if one becomes a paramedic within that three year period. LT's are assigned to a shift and station where they work under the supervision of the Fire Captain and learn by firsthand experience what it takes to become a full-time professional firefighter.

Please stop by the station to welcome your new firefighters and make introductions. They will be happy to share their experiences and demonstrate their new equipment.

Photos are available at www.sbcfire.org under latest news.

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