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County Fire Begins Paramedic Service in Baldy Mesa

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Location: 11855 "E" Street Baldy Mesa, CA

San Bernardino County Fire Department is proud to announce the start of full-time fire staffing and paramedic service at Station 16 in the High Desert community of Baldy Mesa.

Beginning Tuesday, June 25, Station 16 will be constantly staffed with a full-time professional firefighter/paramedic and a limited term firefighter on a Paramedic Brush Patrol. A Brush Patrol is capable of handling medical aids, traffic collisions with extrication, and assisting other Engine Companies with fires of all types. MBP16's primary response area will be the community of Baldy Mesa. It will also be able to provide assistance to the surrounding areas including the 395 corridor.

Previously, Station 16 was staffed with Paid Call Firefighters who would respond to the station and then to calls for service. With the transition to full-time staffing, residents of Baldy Mesa can expect decreased response times as well as increased service capabilities.

"We are excited to be improving our all-risk capabilities in the high desert communities," said Division Chief Britt Sipe. "The San Bernardino County Fire Department is committed to utilizing the available resources in the most efficient manner possible. This is great news for our community."

Station 16 is located on E Street south of Duncan Road.

For information on all County Fire stations, please go to www.sbcfire.org and click on "Fire & Rescue".

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