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# Press Release

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## **FIRE SAFE COUNCIL KICKS OFF WILDFIRE AWARENESS WEEK**

On Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2011, the Wrightwood Fire Safe Council kicks off it's annual Wildfire Awareness Week activities. The public is invited to the ceremony along with an open house and dedication of San Bernardino County Fire's Medic Engine 14, which has been upgraded to advanced life support (paramedic) response capability.

The kick off ceremony will begin at 10am at San Bernardino County Fire Station 14, 5980 Elm St., Wrightwood, CA. Wildfire Awareness Week runs from May 1 through May 7, 2011.

Honored Guests will include: Robert Eland, First District Project Manager for Supervisor Brad Mitzelfelt, San Bernardino County Fire personnel, Angeles National Forest District Ranger Bob Blount and fire personnel, the San

Bernardino National Forest, and CalFire.

The firefighters will also be displaying newly received pet oxygen mask kits which were purchased for Station 14 by the Wrightwood Fire Safe Council. Smokey Bear and Sparky The Fire Dog will also join in the festivities. Light refreshments will be served.

The Tri-community Pine Needle and Green Waste Drop Off event starts on Saturday, May 14, 2011 and runs through Saturday, May 21, 2011. It is held in the San Bernardino County Yard across from Wrightwood Fire Station 101. The hours are everyday from 9am until 3pm and until 7pm on Wednesday, May 18 and Thursday, May 19. This event is very important to reduce the fuel load for the upcoming fire season and over the years has collected over one million pounds of potential fire hazard material.

Wildfire Awareness Week concludes with the 8th annual Wildfire and Disaster Awareness Day on Saturday, May 7, 2011 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. This completely free event has dozens of exhibitors who provide important information to help the people of the local communities stay informed about protecting their families and homes from wildfires and other disasters.

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