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## Ribbon cut for new Fire Station 32

Saul A. Flores, Needles Desert Star

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The ribbon is cut for the new San Bernardino County Fire Station 32 on Oct. 31. Pictured are (l to r) Assistant Chief Tom Marshall, City Manager Rick Daniels, Councilman Tony Frazier, San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools Ted Alejandre, Vice Mayor Jeff Williams, Fire Chief Mark Hartwig, Supervisor Robert Lovingood, San Bernardino County Sheriff John McMahon, David Remery, Councilman Tom Darcy, Grant Kovacovich, Ron Fieldman, Steve Newcomber, Dan Nelson and Dean Dickover. Saul A. Flores/Needles Desert Star

**NEEDLES** — The ribbon was cut on the morning of Oct. 31 for the new **San Bernardino County Fire Station 32**, which serves the city of Needles and the surrounding unincorporated region of the county including Park Moabi, the Colorado River recreation area and the Interstate 40 and Highway 95 corridors.

“The opening of this state-of-the-art fire station is part of my commitment to enhancing public safety throughout San Bernardino County,” said Dist. 1 Supervisor Robert Lovingood. “The men and woman of the San Bernardino County Fire Department do an outstanding job, and this new station will be an important part of their missions to serve residents.” The new 6,300 square foot station includes an apparatus bay housing two engines, sleep rooms, restrooms, an exercise room, lobby, kitchen and dining areas.

There is also a 600 square foot equipment storage building adjacent to the main station.

The new facility will be open 24 hours a week for all seven days. The location of the new fire station, just south of the East Broadway interchange with I-40 along Highway 95, was described as a prime location to serve the city of Needles, Park Moabi and the Colorado River Recreation area. “The city of Needles and San Bernardino County Fire remain committed to providing sustainable fire, rescue and emergency medical services to its citizens and visitors,” said Fire Chief Mark Hartwig.

“We look forward to serving the area from Fire Station 32, which allows room for future growth of fire protection services to the city and surrounding communities. We are honored and proud to serve you.”

The design for Fire Station 32 is based on a station in Spring Valley Lake, adjusted to what would serve the city of Needles best. Using the Spring Valley Lake station as a template made Station 32 a cost effective project coming in at \$3.6 million, according to the county. Station 32 mans a fire engine, a brush patrol and a water tender and is staffed 24 hours a day with a professional fire captain, engineer and firefighter-paramedic, responding to over 1,100 calls for service annually.

[http://www.mohavedailynews.com/needles\\_desert\\_star/ribbon-cut-for-new-fire-station/article\\_9649491a-a151-11e6-8d75-570832ce83a8.html](http://www.mohavedailynews.com/needles_desert_star/ribbon-cut-for-new-fire-station/article_9649491a-a151-11e6-8d75-570832ce83a8.html)

## County Fire Opens New Fire Station in Needles

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(Victor Valley)– Community members and dignitaries attended the ribbon cutting ceremony and open house today in Needles for the new **San Bernardino County Fire Station 32**. The ceremony kicked off with a welcome from Assistant Chief Tom Marshall and an invocation and Pledge of Allegiance led by the Rev. Canon Janet Hurley, Vicar of St. John the Evangelist Episcopal Church. First District Supervisor Robert A. Lovingood was in attendance as the guest speaker, followed by remarks and unveiling of a dedication plaque from Fire Chief Mark Hartwig. The ribbon cutting ceremony officially welcomed San Bernardino County’s newest fire station to the City of Needles.

San Bernardino County Fire has administered fire protection services for the City of Needles since 1977. The new 6,300 square foot station will help San Bernardino County firefighters continue to proudly serve the City of Needles, the unincorporated region of the county, including Park Moabi, the Colorado River recreation area, and the Interstate 40 and Highway 95 corridors. The current Fire Station 31, built in 1953 at 633 Front Street in Needles is no longer adequate or large enough to support the needs of County Fire.

“The opening of this state-of-the-art fire station is part of my commitment to enhancing public safety throughout San Bernardino County,” Supervisor Robert Lovingood said. “The men and women of the San Bernardino County Fire Department do an outstanding job, and this new station will be an important part of their mission to serve residents.”

The new fire station includes an apparatus bay for housing two engines, sleep rooms, restrooms, an exercise room, lobby, kitchen and dining areas. There is also a 600 square foot equipment storage building constructed adjacent to the main station. The construction meets the current state title 24 energy standards, and the rock scape provides for California’s drought concerns with no need for irrigation.

“The City of Needles and San Bernardino County Fire remain committed to providing sustainable fire, rescue and emergency medical services to its citizens and visitors,” stated Fire Chief Mark Hartwig. “We look forward to serving the area from fire station 32 which now allows room for future growth of fire protection services to the City and surrounding communities. We are honored and proud to serve you.”

The \$3.6 million construction project was funded from a Community Development Block Grant and the County’s discretionary general fund. Construction began November 12, 2015 and is scheduled to open right on time and is on track with the project budget.

In 2012, the Board of Supervisors approved STK Architecture Inc. to design a fire station in Spring Valley Lake and use the design template for future fire stations at a cost savings to taxpayers. The contractor on the Needles project is D. Webb Incorporated of Yucca Valley.

Your Needles fire station mans a fire engine, a brush patrol and a water tender and is staffed 24 hours a day with a professional Fire Captain, Engineer and Firefighter Paramedic; responding to over 1,100 calls for service annually.

<http://highdesertdaily.com/2016/11/county-fire-opens-new-fire-station-in-needles/>

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## **County to offer aid to Bluecut Fire victims for cleanup at open house**

**Daily Press**

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Residents affected by the Bluecut Fire are invited to attend a Saturday open house to learn about assistance for removing asbestos and debris from their property. David Pardo, Daily Press

First District Supervisor Robert Lovingood announced Thursday that he is inviting residents affected by the Bluecut Fire in August to attend a Saturday open house to learn about assistance for removing asbestos and debris from their property.

The open house will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at Phelan Elementary School, 4167 Phelan Road, Phelan.

“Helping people who continue to struggle is one of my highest priorities,” said Lovingood. “The Board of Supervisors has made special funding available to help people recover and prepare to rebuild, otherwise victims in this situation might find themselves on their own.”

More than 100 homes were destroyed by the massive fire, which started in the Cajon Pass and burned more than 36,000 acres.

Residents will be able to access information about Community Development Block Grants and zero-to-low-interest loans that may be available to them to remove asbestos and prepare to rebuild.

They also can get information about building and fire permits, water wells and debris removal.

Representatives from County agencies including Community Development and Housing, Code Enforcement, Solid Waste, Building and Safety, Fire Marshal, Environmental Health and Behavioral Health will be on hand at the open house.

Nonprofit groups such as the United Way will help victims with any other fire-related needs.

For more information about Blue Cut Fire resources, please visit <http://www.sbcounty.gov/bluecut>.

<http://www.vvdailynews.com/news/20161102/county-to-offer-aid-to-bluecut-fire-victims-for-cleanup-at-open-house>

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## **One Hour Can Change Your Life**

**Victor Valley News**

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(VVNG.com)- As the season's change and the daylight is shorter, it is a great reminder to change your batteries as you change your clocks for Daylight Savings.

Sunday, November 6 is Daylight Savings Time and clocks will be set back one hour. While phones, computers, and tablets may change themselves, it's up to you to keep yourself and your family safe by changing the batteries in your smoke alarms, carbon monoxide detectors, and flashlights.

Smoke alarms and all life-saving devices should be tested on a regular basis, with new batteries installed at least twice a year. An alarm should be installed on every floor of your home and outside of all sleeping areas to ensure all areas of your home are protected.

In addition to having properly working life-saving devices in your home, **San Bernardino County Fire Department** encourages every household to have an emergency evacuation plan and to take the time to practice it.

Make sure everyone knows how to get out and where to meet. Review with your family the different sounds between your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors and practice evacuation plans at different times of day/night.

A working smoke alarm can decrease a family's risk of perishing in a fire by nearly 50 percent. Find your nearest Household Hazardous Waste Facility to recycle old batteries by visiting <http://sbcfire.org/hazmat/hhwcollection.aspx>. To prepare your household for an evacuation, download the Ready SB app available for all Apple and Android devices at <http://readydl.com/landing/eoc06071/index.html>. You can also download our Ready! Set! Go! Guide at [www.sbcfire.org/readyssetgo.aspx](http://www.sbcfire.org/readyssetgo.aspx).

(source: San Bernardino County Fire news release)

<http://www.vvng.com/one-hour-can-change-your-life-2/>

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## **Structure Fire: Blaze Rips Through Building**

Michael P. Neufeld, Rim Of The World News

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Crestline, CA – A fully involved structure fire in the 23500 block of Crest Forest Drive drew a full response from firefighters about 2:15 a.m. Thursday morning.

Firefighters from **San Bernardino County Fire**, U.S. Forest Service and CalFire responded with flames showing as they approached the building near Highway 138 and Deer Trail.

### THE INCIDENT

Firefighters immediately went into attack mode and eyewitnesses explained the fire was almost out by 2:45 a.m.

Southern California Edison and Southern California Gas personnel were summoned to the scene by County Fire.

<http://rotwnews.com/2016/11/03/structure-fire-blaze-rips-through-building/>