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Station 12 in San Antonio Heights now Providing Paramedic Services

The Paramedic program in San Antonio Heights is officially in service. As of September 8, 2012 San Bernardino County Fire Station 12 in the community of San Antonio Heights has Advanced Life Support capabilities. Staffed with a two-person crew, the community will have a Limited Term Firefighter Paramedic and a full-time Career Captain twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. Prior to this date there were only basic life support capabilities for medical emergencies.

The community of San Antonio Heights rallied together to make this a priority. San Bernardino County Fire Department made a presentation led by Captain Bryant O'Hara, to the San Antonio Heights Association outlining the effectiveness of Advanced Life Support and showing the benefits versus Basic Life Support. Once the presentation was complete the donations came rolling in anywhere from one hundred dollars to a few thousand dollars. Once the goal was reached to purchase the required equipment, the San Bernardino County Fire Department provided a paramedic licensed Limited-Term Firefighter for every shift. San Bernardino County Fire Department in partnership with the community is thrilled to offer this service and commitment to the residents of San Antonio Heights.

On the very first day the program was in place, they were able to show their effectiveness by responding to a cardiac emergency where Advanced Life Support was vital in saving a life. Without the Advanced Life Support capabilities, crews were convinced the outcome may have been much different.

A special thank you goes out to all the citizens and organizations that made this possible.

As a reminder, time is of the essence during emergencies. Please dial 9-1-1 for all emergencies to ensure the closest available resource responds in a timely manner. For more information please visit www.sbcfire.org.

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