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Station 53 Receives New Ambulance to Serve the Community of Baker

Station 53 recently received a new ambulance to serve the Community of Baker and the large area they cover. The 2020 Ford F450 is four-wheel drive, a complete LED light package, red in color and utilizes an “auto-load” gurney which aids crews in safely loading patients. To navigate to calls the crew uses an iPad-based computer system and Bluetooth headsets to reduce hearing loss and to improve communication between ambulance members.

The small town of Baker has a population of 735 people, according to census data from 2010, but its fire station is responsible for 4,000 square miles, including the stretch of I-15 that runs north of Baker and up to state line, Highway 127 up to the Dumont Dunes, the Mojave National Preserve and portions of Interstate 40. According to Caltrans, an average of just under 40,000 vehicles passed through Baker on Interstate 15 on a daily basis in 2014. With such a large response area having a reliable apparatus is paramount. The old ambulance will be moved to “reserve” status and used when the frontline is in for maintenance or repair.

The San Bernardino County Fire Department is an all-risk/full-service fire department committed to providing the highest level of service in the most efficient and cost-effective manner to the citizens and communities that we serve. Our jurisdiction encompasses 19,278 square miles of extremely diverse environments that stretch from the Los Angeles County line on the west, to the Colorado River on the east, to the Nevada State line and Kern and Inyo counties on the north. We provide services to more than 60 communities/cities and all unincorporated areas of the county.

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