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## **CREWS CLEAR NEARLY 445,000 POUNDS OF DEBRIS IN CRESTLINE FROM THE HOLIDAY SEVERE WEATHER EVENTS**

On January 25, 2020, the San Bernardino County Fire Protection District (SBCoFD), in cooperation with CAL FIRE and San Bernardino County Public Works, offered wood chipping services to the community of Crestline. The holiday winter storms blocked many driveways and access roads with broken trees, branches and other debris. In an effort to bolster safety in these areas, these agencies assisted residents in cleaning up their community.

SBCoFD encouraged residents to bring broken tree branches to the north parking lot of Lake Gregory. The response was overwhelming. With the help of the San Bernardino County Inmate Hand Crew and CAL FIRE crews, Crestline residents were able to clear more debris than the crews have ever cleared in a single day. In total, the crews cleared nearly 445,000 pounds of wood chipped material. This effort was enough to fill 26 dump trucks with approximately 178 cubic yards of chipped material. In total, the crews contributed roughly 213 personnel hours to the project.

“The tremendous response to the hard work of this multi-agency team was astounding,” explained San Bernardino County Fire Chief Dan Munsey. “The efforts of Captain Shane Glaze, his team, and the incredible residents of Crestline helped the community recover from the effects of the severe winter storms that we saw over the holidays. This type of cooperation is a phenomenal model of how remarkable teamwork can help keep our communities safe and beautiful.”

In addition to the Crestline wood chipping event in January, these same agencies, along with the Mountain Rim Fire Safe Council, offered similar services in the communities of Lake Arrowhead, Lytle Creek, and Forest Falls over the final three weeks of December. Similarly, each of these communities benefitted from the hard work and dedication of all the crews involved.

SBCoFD encourages residents to be prepared for winter weather. For safety tips including flood preparation, debris and erosion control, and sandbag locations, visit <https://www.sbcfire.org/Programs/ReadySetGoFlood.aspx>.

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