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SBCoFD OFM's Household Hazardous Waste Program Brings Home the "Program Excellence" Award

On September 17, 2019, the North American Hazardous Materials Management Association (NAHMMA) awarded the "Program Excellence" award to the San Bernardino County Fire Protection District (SBCoFD) Office of the Fire Marshal's (OFM) Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) division. These awards recognize inspirational people and exceptional programs and policies who have made a difference in pollution prevention. NAHMMA recognized the HHW division's outstanding public awareness, community involvement and educational endeavors that help inform San Bernardino County residents of the resources available to keep their communities clean and waste free.

SBCoFD OFM's HHW division publicizes their services through radio, movie theatre, ballpark and bus shelter advertising. Informational flyers are provided in both English and Spanish throughout the county. Plus, local elementary school students participate in the Oily Cat mascot design competition. Elementary school students are invited to draw their rendition of the Oily Cat mascot. The winning drawing is featured on advertisements for the county's Household Hazardous Waste programs.

"We are extremely proud of our Household Hazardous Waste team and the innovation they continue to show in service to the residents of San Bernardino County," said Fire Marshal Mike Horton. "Our 14 permanent collection sites throughout the county help residents safely dispose of waste that would otherwise pollute landfills and contaminate water supplies. This 'Program Excellence' award highlights our team's dedication to making sure our residents know of the tremendous resources our county provides to ensure a safe, clean environment for future generations."

The [North America Hazardous Materials Management Association](#) (NAHMMA) is a non-profit, membership-based association of individuals, businesses, government officials, academia, and non-profit organizations dedicated to pollution prevention and reducing the hazardous components entering municipal waste streams from households, small businesses and other entities.

The San Bernardino County Fire Department Household Hazardous Waste Division is committed to providing safe and efficient hazardous waste management services. The ultimate objective is to protect health, natural resources and the environment. Staff is devoted to the provision of fast and friendly service to County residents and small businesses. For a list of permanent collection locations, visit:

<http://www.sbcfire.org/ofm/hhw/CollectionFacilities.aspx>

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