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Wrightwood Boy Scout Tackles Fire Hydrant Program

Local Boy Scout Dustin Williams has taken on a project to assist San Bernardino County Fire crews with locating fire hydrants during the winter months. Dustin has taken on a project to locate each fire hydrant snow pole and repair each pole. The snow poles allow fire crews to quickly spot fire hydrants when significant snow is on the ground, hiding the hydrant.

Fire Engines carry 500 gallons of water which equates to roughly five minutes of firefighting. With time being of the essence, its important for our crews to quickly locate and tie in to the water system to ensure we deliver an uninterrupted flow of water. Snow in the winter months can complicate locating fire hydrants as they can be buried in the snow.

Local Boy Scout Dustin Williams saw the need to assist our agency and has been working his way through the Wrightwood area locating, fixing and re-marking fire hydrant location poles. Dustin has located and fixed more than 225 poles. Dustin is working with local Fire Captain Sam Bashaw on the project, who lives locally. Captain Bashaw provided a local fire hydrant map so Dustin could locate each hydrant.

“Dustin did a great job taking on this project. When we respond to fires, time is of the essence for us to limit the fires spread and knock it down. Fires in the winter months bring additional challenges but finding the hydrants will be much easier” says Captain Bashaw.

Thank you to Dustin and Troop 351 for stepping up for this project. We appreciate your sense of community and duty!

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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