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Upland Fire Department Joins San Bernardino County Fire

Effective July 22, 2017, the San Bernardino County Fire Department (SBCoFD) will assume fire protection and emergency medical service responsibilities in the City of Upland and welcome 46 new employees into the County Fire family from the Upland Fire Department.

“The residents of Upland have received the highest level of fire protection from their fire department for over 100 years, and San Bernardino County Fire is honored to continue that level of service moving forward,” Fire Chief Mark Hartwig said. “True to our vision statement, we are committed to providing premier fire services in all the communities we serve while preserving a regionalized service delivery. San Bernardino County Fire is proud to now serve the city of Upland and its residents with the highest level of fire protection and professionalism.”

The transfer of command will finalize the city’s annexation into the San Bernardino County Fire Protection District, estimated to save the city \$2 million annually while filling 5 previously vacant positions.

SBCoFD will staff 3 city stations and 1 County Station (San Antonio Heights) with full-time personnel to cover the over 15 square mile service area and its 76,000 residents. Upland and its fire stations will be organized into SBCoFD’s West Valley Division (Division 1).

With SBCoFD’s economies of scale, residents can expect nearby county fire stations to help provide faster response times and assist city units during high call volumes. Residents can also rely on new resources made directly available in the city such as full-time paramedic service, heavy equipment dozers and front loaders, hand crews, and Type III Incident Management Team.

Starting Saturday morning, residents can watch a video welcome from Fire Chief Mark Hartwig and tribute to Upland Fire Department on the sbcfire.org homepage and our Facebook page.

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