



## NEWS RELEASE

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### **COUNTY FIRE HANDCREW BEGINS WORK IN THE COUNTY**

**SAN BERNARDINO** – San Bernardino County Fire Department is proud to announce that its Wildland Handcrew, CREW40, is staffed and currently deployed in the County.

Founded early last year, CREW40 is a fully staffed, Type 2/Initial Attack, local government handcrew. Comprised of select Fire Suppression Aids and supervised by skilled career personnel, CREW40 primarily uses chainsaws, axes, and other hand-held tools to cut, chop, and scrape away brush and other vegetation.

Beginning today, CREW40 is working with County Land Use Services. Their task is to clear residential lots in the County that are not up to County code.

CREW40 is staffed with ten personnel a day Monday through Thursday making the citizens of San Bernardino County safer from the threat of wildland fire! The full crew is available for Fire Assignments if needed.

For more information on how you can best prepare yourself for wildland fires and other safety topics, please visit [www.sbcfire.org](http://www.sbcfire.org) and click on Safety Preparedness. Be sure to follow us on Twitter @SBCountyFire.

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