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Joshua Tree Acquires Brush Engine

Joshua Tree, CA -- The San Bernardino County Fire Protection District, South Desert Division has acquired a new addition to their firefighting fleet. Fire Station 36 in Joshua Tree now has a four-wheel drive brush engine (Brush Engine 36). This engine was recently acquired from County Fire Station 96 located in Fawnskin.

The newly acquired engine is a Type 3 Brush Engine, 1994 International Model 14, four-wheel drive with a 500 gallon water tank capable of pumping 500 gallons per minute and is equipped with a flow master foam system. It also contains a full complement of wildland firefighting hose, tools and related equipment.

Station 96 recently purchased a smaller apparatus that would better fill the needs of the terrain and geography for the mountain area, thus allowing their brush engine to be transferred to Station 36 in Joshua Tree. With the potential annexation of the 29 Palms Fire Department into the San Bernardino County Fire Protection District, the department recognized the need to expand and reinforce the ability to fight wildland fires in the Morongo Basin area.

The South Desert Division currently has one four-wheel drive brush engine in the Morongo Basin, which is housed at Fire Station 41 in Yucca Valley. The addition of Brush Engine 36 will increase the response capability to the eastern parts of the Division. San Bernardino County Fire is an "All-Risk Fire Department", which provides fire suppression, rescue and emergency medical services (EMS) for the largest County in the United States, a large portion of which is wildland. Brush Engine 36 will be a great addition to the Morongo Basin, its citizens and Fire Station 36.

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