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## **Strike Team 6231C Still Deployed after Crew Swap**

After 16 Days, three fires and 1,000+ miles on the road, our all County Type III Strike Team has been relieved by fresh crews and are back home safe.

The 17 San Bernardino County Fire Firefighters have been deployed since Friday, August 14th when they were deployed to the “Lake Fire” near Lake Hughes. Crews worked for multiple days on the Lake Hughes Fire and were re-assigned to the “Carmel Fire.” After another reassignment they were sent to the “Dolan Fire” near Big Sur. The Strike Team has been working for multiple days on the Dolan fire constructing hand line, completing mop-up and perimeter control. During their 16-day deployment crews completed structure defense, firing operations, hose line deployment, line construction and mop-up.

“I’m proud of our fire crews and their hard work” says Strike Team Leader Steve Tracy.

Long hours, high heat and extreme fire conditions made the firefighting difficult.

Strike Team Leader Trainee BC Jason Serrano summed up the deployment; “Despite escalating factors of weather, dry fuels and high temperatures, crews did a great job at each diverse task.”

Apparatus wise BE75, BE10, BE228, BE163 and BE25 are still deployed. Battalion Chief / Strike Team Leader (STEN) Dan Wooters and Battalion Chief / STEN-Trainee Donnie Vloria have taken over from off-going leaders.

After 16 days deployed a fresh group of 17 SBCoFD Firefighters, Engineers, Captains and Battalion Chiefs have taken their place. New crews can be deployed for 14-21 days and can be reassigned anywhere in California.

Welcome back!”

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