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Ambulance Service Increases in Yucca Valley

San Bernardino County Fire is happy to announce that effective July 6, Yucca Valley and adjacent unincorporated areas will once again have three fully staffed paramedic ambulances.

In 2012, Medic Ambulance 41A's medical services were reduced to 12 hours per day due to budget constraints. With revenue improvements, San Bernardino County Fire was able to restore this 24-hour paramedic ambulance service to its communities; now offering three full-time paramedic ambulances.

"Restoring service levels back to three fire department paramedic ambulances will decrease service response times and provide our residents and visitors with life-saving medical services." stated Division Chief Don Trapp. "Station 41 is the 3rd busiest station in County Fire, with approximately 80% of its calls for service being medical related. The restoration of full-time paramedic service is crucial to the residents we serve."

San Bernardino County Fire is the medical transport provider for Yucca Valley and surrounding communities. Each ambulance is staffed with a full-time professional firefighter/paramedic and a limited term firefighter. Two paramedic ambulances are assigned to Station 41, located at 57201 Twenty-Nine Palms Hwy. and an ambulance at Station 42 located at 58612 Aberdeen in Yucca Valley.

For information on all San Bernardino County Fire stations, please go to <u>www.sbcfire.org</u> and click on "Fire & Rescue".

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. At 20,160 square miles, San Bernardino County is the largest county in the continental United States and our jurisdiction encompasses 17,500 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 five contract cities, more than 54 communities, and all unincorporated areas of the county. San Bernardino County Fire remains committed to providing Premier Fire Services.

For a photo of Medic Ambulance 41, visit <u>http://www.sbcfire.org/news_releases/default.aspx</u>.

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