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Rescue Team Saves Trapped Kitten

Date/Time: June 25, 2012, 9:22 a.m.
Location: Dulcinea Lane & Cori Way, Fontana
Incident: Animal Rescue

Summary: At 9:22 a.m. today, a 9-1-1 call was received from local residents stating a kitten was stuck in a storm drain at the corner of Dulcinea Lane and Cori Way in Fontana. Eight firefighters, including the Urban Search and Rescue team unit, were dispatched to the scene. Upon arrival, rescuers found that a kitten had been stuck in the drain for several days. Residents reported that local animal control removed the kitten's mother and siblings several days prior and that they may not have known this kitten was still in the drainage.

The pipe the kitten was stuck in was deemed a "confined space" and special procedures and equipment had to be utilized for rescuers to make safe entry. Two Firefighter Rescue Specialists, Jeremiah Johnson and Jennifer Miescher, entered the pipe at opposite ends and squeezed their way to capture the kitten and with the cheers of nearby neighborhood children, the kitten was brought out of the storm pipe at approximately 11:30 a.m.

Residents quickly adopted the small kitten and were taking it to a nearby veterinarian clinic to have it checked.

Your local San Bernardino County Fire Department has various special capabilities which are vital to our communities' safety. The public is reminded to not try such a rescue on their own, as drainage systems can be highly dangerous and require specially trained and equipped personnel.

Photos are available at www.sbcfire.org under latest news.

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