

## CITY OF VICTORVILLE AND SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY FIRE ANNOUNCE APPROVAL OF NINE-MONTH CONTRACT EXTENSION

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**VICTORVILLE, Calif.** – Today, the City of Victorville and San Bernardino County Fire joined forces to announce approval of a nine-month extension to their existing fire services contract. The announcement followed this morning's vote by the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors in favor of the extension and just one week after the extension was approved by the Victorville City Council.

Under the terms of the agreement, San Bernardino County Fire will continue to provide fire protection services for the City of Victorville, excluding aircraft rescue firefighting services at Southern California Logistics Airport. The contract extension will run from July 6, 2018 to March 30, 2019 and cost approximately \$11.4 million.

As previously reported, the City will provide its own fire protection services at the conclusion of this holdover contract with San Bernardino County Fire.

The San Bernardino County Fire Protection District is an all-risk/full-service fire department committed to providing the highest level of service in the most efficient and cost-effective manner. At 20,160 square miles, San Bernardino County is the largest county in the continental United States and our jurisdiction protects 19,293 square miles; with diverse environments that stretch from the Los Angeles, Riverside and Orange County borders to our south and west, the Colorado River and Arizona to the east, to the Nevada State line and Kern and Inyo counties on the north. In the middle lies the snow-capped San Bernardino mountain range. We are the local fire department for over 60 communities, from rural towns to major cities, and all the unincorporated areas of the county. San Bernardino County Fire remains committed to providing Premier Fire, Rescue and EMS Services.

Located in Southern California at the high-point between Los Angeles and Las Vegas, Victorville is the leading city for both industry and retail in the High Desert region. Victorville is a growing, vibrant community that is home to approximately 125,000 residents and some of the area's largest employers. Clean air, abundant mountain vistas, familyfriendly recreational activities, spectacular sunsets and breathtaking night skies entice locals and visitors alike to fall in love with this city that is within a few hours of SoCal beaches, National Parks, mountain retreats, other major attractions, and Ontario International Airport.

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