

County firefighters give academy a fire engine

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The San Bernardino County Fire Department has donated this 1999 International / Pierce Type III Brush Engine to Crafton Hills College for firefighter training. Courtesy photo

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The program currently holds two full-time fire academies per year, and the donation of the fire engine will benefit students directly. An integral part of the Fire Academy curriculum is the emphasis placed on wildland firefighting operations. With a fire engine of this type on site, students will more effectively learn the various manipulative hose evolutions that are required.

The apparatus served the San Bernardino Area for more than 20 years. The four-wheel drive engine carries 500 gallons of water, pumps 500 gallons per minute and has the ability to "pump and roll" which is crucial for wildland firefighting. Besides the engine, it comes with a full wildland compliment of gear consistent with industry standards. The relationship between the Fire Technology program at Crafton Hills College and the Fire Department is a rich partnership.

Previously the Fire Department has donated two other Type I fire engines as well as a rescue squad.

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