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San Diego Fire-Rescue to Host First Countywide Cadet Training Event

CADETS FROM AGENCIES THROUGHOUT SAN DIEGO COUNTY WILL GATHER FOR A SPECIAL TRAINING AND NETWORKING OPPORTUNITY

SAN DIEGO – This weekend, the City of San Diego Fire-Rescue Department (SDFD) will host the first-ever, countywide cadet training and networking event at the SDFD training facility.

Cadet programs are opportunities for youth to experience what it's like to work alongside professional firefighters and to gain an understanding of the career path to fire and emergency medical services. Cadets volunteer at various events, take part in training exercises and have ride-along opportunities with fire crews. These programs accept young men and women ages 16 to 21 and are often a way for those interested in a fire service career to eventually get hired by a fire department.

The San Diego County Fire Chiefs Association created the concept for this weekend's event to provide networking and training for local cadets.

"We are honored to host the first countywide cadet training and hope we can repeat this unique experience year after year," said Fire-Rescue Chief Colin Stowell. "Cadet programs offer many opportunities for young men and women. The program gives them the chance to find out whether a career in fire and emergency medical services is an option for them."

The event takes place on Saturday and Sunday, June 24 and 25. Members of the news media are invited to attend on Sunday between 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Professional firefighters from a variety of agencies will perform several demonstrations for cadets and their family members.

WHAT: Media availability

WHO: Chief Colin Stowell, San Diego Fire-Rescue Department
Capt. Mike Colafrancesco, San Diego Fire-Rescue Department
Cadets

WHEN: Sunday, June 25, 2023, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.

WHERE: SDFD Training Facility
2580 Kincaid Road
San Diego, CA 92101

Interstate 5 to North Harbor Drive. North Harbor Drive to McCain Road. Take McCain Road until it ends and turns to the left. The training building will be in front of you. Park along the red curb. Please be mindful not to obstruct fire apparatus.

VISUALS: Professional firefighters demonstrating structure firefighting skills, including hose lays, forcible entry and ventilation techniques.

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