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# Press Release

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## **FIRE SAFE COUNCIL KICKS OFF WILDFIRE AWARENESS WEEK**

**The Wrightwood Fire Safe Council kicks off Wildfire Awareness Week in conjunction with the start of San Bernardino County Fire's rollout of the new Ready-Set-Go program.**

Wrightwood, CA May 3, 2010- - A special ceremony begins at 10 a.m. on Highway 2 one-quarter mile west of Wright Mountain Road, the Wrightwood Fire Safe Council kicks off Wildfire Awareness Week, which runs from May 2 through May 8, 2010. The council will be unveiling a new fire awareness sign created by 13 year old, local Boy Scout, Ryan Foley. The council will be joined by Larry Grable, Director Inland Empire Office of the Governor, Fire Chief Pat Dennen and all the San Bernardino County Fire Chiefs, who will be rolling out their new Ready-Set-Go program.

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The new fire awareness sign was created and erected by 13 year old Ryan Foley as his Eagle Scout project. Ryan is a member of the local Boy Scout Troop 351 and is the son of long-time Wrightwood residents Tom and Corrine Foley. Ryan supervised a number of his fellow Boy Scout Troop 351 members, along with his brother Patrick and a few local adults on this project.

The Tri-community Pine Needle and Green Waste Drop Off event starts on Saturday, May 1, 2010 and runs through Saturday, May 8, 2010. It is held in the San Bernardino County Yard across from Wrightwood Fire Station 101. The hours are everyday from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. and until 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 5 and Thursday, May 6. This event is very important to reduce the fuel load for the upcoming fire season and over the years has collected over  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a million pounds of potential fire hazard material.

Wildfire Awareness Week concludes with the 7th annual Wildfire and Disaster Awareness Day on Saturday, May 8, 2010 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. This completely free event has dozens of exhibitors who provide important information to help the people of the local communities stay informed about protecting their families and homes from wildfires and other disasters.

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