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## 2012 Wildfire & Disaster Awareness Week Recap

Volunteers, agency representatives and businesses joined together for the 9<sup>th</sup> time in what has become one of the most successful disaster preparedness events in Southern California.



Hundreds of volunteer hours are put in each year to plan the events that continue to grow.

In 2012 volunteer work parties prepared over 16,000 full color mailing pieces. School flyers were prepared and delivered to over 6,500 students in the Tri-Community.



## Wildfire Awareness Week Kickoff:

San Bernardino County kicked off Wildfire Awareness Week 2012 with Supervisor Brad Mitzelfelt presenting the Wrightwood Fire Safe Council (WFSC) with a Proclamation declaring May 6 through May 12, 2012 as Wildfire Awareness Week.



The Kickoff was well attended by representatives from the Angeles National Forest, CALFIRE, San Bernardino County Fire along with crews, representatives and volunteers from local community groups.

The WFSC presented an award to Calfire's Paul Camarena for his outstanding guidance and contributions to the council's activities.

Eagle Scout candidate Brian Naas addresses the audience about his project to get all homes in the community properly addressed.





## Wildfire and Disaster Awareness Day:

The 9<sup>th</sup> annual Wildfire & Disaster Awareness Day was well attended with an estimated crowd of 2,800 to 3,000 visitors. The educational event provides information to help keep community members informed about protecting their families and homes from wildfires and other disasters.



With temperatures in the 80's the weather couldn't have been better!





Fire Station 14's Junior Firefighter Challenge provides new challenges each year.

A real crowd pleaser is watching children extinguish a live burning (demonstration) structure.



Station 14 introducing kids to CPR and AED's. (*automated external defibrillator*)





SB County Fire Slash Crew came to the rescue making wood chips used on the ground during the event. After the event was over, the wood chips were donated to the Veteran's Park and used to re-cover planter areas.







### ***Some of the stats include:***

Dozens of dogs were Micro Chipped  
62 – Kids Fingerprinted by COPs

### ***Emergency Supplies Available to Visitors***

28 – 55 gallon FDA water barrels were sold at cost  
24 – Fire Extinguishers sold  
66 - Fire Fighter Nozzle for garden hoses sold

### ***Hot Dogs-Popcorn-Water Given Away***

1300 hot dogs  
35 lbs of popcorn  
Over 850 bottles of water

People in attendance were able to visit different displays and receive information from Federal, State and County organizations and volunteer groups that focused on disaster preparedness.

### **In closing:**

The Wrightwood Fire Safe Council would like to thank the hundreds of volunteers, exhibitors, participants, sponsors, agency representatives and every other person involved in this year's week of activities. It's truly rewarding to have the unconditional cooperation of federal, state and county agencies and the public as we continue to prepare for disasters that are inevitable.

Thanks for everyone's support,  
**Wrightwood Fire Safe Council**

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