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## **JOINT TRAINING BENEFITS FIRE DEPARTMENTS**

**RANCHO SANTA FE, Calif.** — For the first time ever, the Escondido Fire Department (EFD) and Rancho Santa Fe Fire Protection District (RSFFPD) are pooling their training resources to prepare recently hired firefighter/paramedics for their jobs. This joint effort is enabling both agencies to achieve their training objectives in a more cost-effective and cooperative manner.

Currently, EFD is training two new employees while RSFFPD is training one new hire. Rather than conducting two separate training sessions at the same time, the agencies are sharing instructors in order to reduce instructional staff time. In doing so, each agency will potentially cut training expenses in half.

In addition, by combining training, interagency cooperation is more effective during major incidents. Personnel from different agencies will be familiar with each other and the ways in which each agency manages an incident.

"This is an excellent example of cooperative efforts, through efficient utilization of facilities and resources," says Nick Pavone, RSFFPD Fire Chief. Escondido Training Chief Randy Licata agrees, stating that "It's a win-win situation for our departments as well as our communities."

The mission of the Escondido Fire Department is to serve the public and to safeguard the community from the impact of fire, medical, and environmental emergencies through education, emergency services, and enforcement. Escondido serves an area of 50 square miles and approximately 150,000 residents out of 5 stations.

The mission of the Rancho Santa Fe Fire Protection District is "To protect life, property, and environment through prevention, preparedness, education and emergency response." Formed in 1946, the Fire District now spans approximately 42-square miles and protects over 21,000 citizens. The Fire District currently operates out of four full-time fire stations and serves the communities within and surrounding Rancho Santa Fe and 4S-Ranch.

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Editors Note: Photo opportunities are available on Tuesday, May 22 at the Cardinal Auto Wrecking Yard, 725 Rock Springs Road after 2:00 p.m. or at other times by special arrangement.