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MONTEREY FIRE DEPARTMENT HOSTS ANNUAL COUNTYWIDE WILDLAND FIRE OPERATIONS REFRESHER TRAINING & WILDLAND DEPLOYMENTS

Monterey, Calif. – The City of Monterey's Ryan Ranch Park is the site of the annual wildland fire Refresher Training (RT-130) hosted by the Monterey Fire Department (MFD) on June 17, 19, and 21. MFD's mutual aid partners from Monterey County Regional Fire District and City of Seaside Fire Department are also in attendance. The training reviews wildland fire operations, including hoselays, mobile fire attack, firefighter safety, and communications. This annual refresher training prepares personnel not only for local incidents but for statewide response to wildfires across California through the California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES). The City of Monterey's Parks Division and the Monterey Stinging Jellies Disc Golf Club are appreciated for opening the course to the crews for training.

Wildfire season has already started in California. So far this year, MFD has sent two (2) Fire Captains to respond to wildfires outside Monterey County. The first fire captain responded to the Smith River complex fire in Eureka from May 26, 2024 to June 10, 2024, as a line paramedic. The second captain is currently responding to the Post Fire in Los Angeles County as a line EMT and is anticipated to be on the incident for about two (2) weeks. The MFD is fully reimbursed by Cal OES for overtime costs to respond to wildfires, including an administrative fee.

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Crews pulling a hose line to surround the simulated 'fire'

Crews deploying wildland fire shelters, used in extreme cases if a fire is quickly approaching.

City of Monterey's two (2) Type 3 Wildland Engines

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