



# SANTA BARBARA COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

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## NEWS RELEASE

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### **2015 Firefighters Quest for Burn Survivors**

On Thursday, June 11, 2015 from 08:30 am until 4:00 pm, Firefighters Quest for Burn Survivors will be hosting their 19<sup>th</sup> annual Quest Rally, traveling throughout Santa Barbara County. The day will start in Santa Maria and finish with a Santa Maria style BBQ at the Santa Barbara City Drill Tower. The Quest Rally occurs each year in June. During this event, the Quest Rally will be making stops at local area fire departments, dispatch communications centers and the Santa Barbara Harbor Patrol who will be making donations. The donations received are distributed on behalf of each donor to local burn centers and foundations as well as burn survivors and their families. The Santa Barbara County Quest Rally is part of a weeklong event covering several inland and southern California counties. Last years' event raised over \$100,000. "Firefighters Quest for Burn Survivors" is a non-profit organization managed by firefighters and civilians who volunteer their services and are dedicated to assist those that have been affected by burn injuries.

Burn injuries are devastating, and the majority take a lifetime to heal. The physical and emotional pain the victims suffer is something firefighters see on a regular basis. As a result, the organization was founded in 1996 following the Southern California Malibu Brush Fire in which six firefighters were injured due to burns received while being entrapped in a "Firestorm". Glendale, CA firefighter Bill Jensen received the most serious life threatening burns sustaining third degree burns to 70% of his body. After three months of surgeries, care and treatment and the miraculous efforts of those who cared for him, Bill beat the 5% chance of survival and was released from the burn center on his birthday. Today, Bill along with the other firefighters injured that day, are well on their ways back to "normal" lives.

Through Bill's experience and that of other burn survivors, it has been noted that while the patients care and treatment is being managed and monitored by doctors and nurses, it is usually the families whose lives are thrown into disarray. Through the efforts of this organization, support ranges from family and patient visits to providing material and/or monetary donations to the patients and/or immediate family to assist during the critical time of recovery.

The Santa Barbara Area Quest Rally Coordinator is Howard Orr. He can be reached at (805) 794-5102 for further event information.

# Firefighter's Quest Rally Time Schedule

<u>TIMES</u>	<u>DEPT. /CONTACT</u>	<u>PRESENTATION LOCATIONS</u>	<u>Thom. Bro. Map</u>
<b>(2008)</b>			
0800 – 0830	Pismo Beach FD	Pismo Beach FD Sta. 64 990 Bello St. Pismo Beach, CA 93449	
<u>Mileage to Santa Maria: 22.5      Travel Time: 25 min.</u>			
0900 - 0940 hrs.	Santa Maria F.D.	Santa Maria F.D. Sta. 4 2637 S. College Ave Santa Maria, CA 93455	796 J6
<u>Mileage to Guadalupe: 12.4      Travel Time: 25 min.</u>			
1005 - 1025 hrs.	Guadalupe F.D.	Guadalupe F.D. Sta. 1 918 Obispo St. Guadalupe, CA 93434	775 A6
<u>Mileage to LMP Sta. 1: 31.1      Travel Time: 45 min.</u>			
1110 - 1130 hrs.	Lompoc F.D.	Lompoc F.D. Sta.1 115 South G Street Lompoc, CA 93436	916 E2
<u>Mileage to Sta. 11 43:6      Travel Time: 55 min.</u>			
1225 - 1245 hrs.	Santa Barbara County F.D.	SBCoFD Sta. 11 6901 Frey Way. Goleta, CA 93117	993 J3
<u>Mileage to Co. Dispatch: 6.2      Travel Time: 15 min.</u>			
1300 - 1330 hrs.	S.B. County Dispatch	County Dispatch Center 4434 Calle Real Santa Barbara, CA 93110	995 B1
<u>Mileage to Harbor: 5.9      Travel Time: 15 min.</u>			
1345 - 1415 hrs.	S.B. Harbor Patrol HQ.	S.B. Harbor Cabrillo Blvd. / Harbor Way. Santa Barbara, CA 93109	996 B6
<u>Mileage to SB City Drill Tower: 2.0      Travel Time: 15 min.</u>			
1430 – 1600 hrs.	Santa Barbara City FD	SB City Drill Tower 30 S. Olive St. Santa Barbara, CA 93103	996 C4

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