

Cal-Fire/Riverside County Fire

Firefighters prepare for wildfires that in years past have devastated Riverside/San Diego Counties. Canyon Lake Firefighters are teaming up with neighboring cities and county stations demonstrating their readiness through a variety of training drills. Engine companies practice wildland hoselays, pumping evolutions and structure defense drills.

Cal Fire Division Chief Steve Gallegos states “It is critical that these engine companies train together for what could be a very busy summer”. The winter rains have created a grass crop throughout the hills surrounding Canyon Lake. Chief Gallegos also states “The conditions are there for a catastrophic fire to occur in and around the Canyon Lake area; it will take multiple resources to protect the community and mitigate the threat”.

Canyon Lake Firefighters have also been training with other engine companies in a variety of incidents that include MCI’s (Mass Casualty Incidents), structure fires and water related rescues. All these scenarios would require help from neighboring stations and that is why it is imperative these engine companies are prepared so there is a better chance for a successful outcome.