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San Diego Fire-Rescue Department Junior Firefighter Camp Media Day Scheduled for July 25

YOUTH AGES 10-16 WILL PARTICIPATE IN FIREFIGHTING ACTIVITIES IN A WEEK-LONG CAMP

SAN DIEGO – This week the City of San Diego Fire-Rescue Department (SDFD) presents its second annual Junior Firefighter Camp. The camp runs from July 23 through July 27, 2018 and teaches the campers about the fire service and provides teamwork and leadership skills as well as challenging physical activities and competitions. Junior firefighters will participate in the use of firefighting equipment including hoses and ladders and learn firefighting skills such as search and rescue and basic first aid. Campers will also see demonstrations from a SDFD technical rescue team, the Metro Arson Strike Team, and the Bomb Squad. The camp is staffed by current SDFD firefighters.

“This camp gives kids the chance to participate in firefighting activities which may spark their interest in a fire service career,” said Interim Fire Chief Kevin Ester. “It allows us to engage potential firefighters of the future while at the same time giving kids valuable leadership skills.”

Boys and girls ages 10 – 16 were invited to participate in an open application process. There are a total of 100 junior firefighters; about 20 percent are girls. Junior firefighters were required to pre-register and the camp is at maximum capacity. The only cost associated with the camp is the cost of the shirts.

Members of the media are invited to visit the camp on Wednesday, July 25 between 8 and 11a.m. Please email aphillipp@sandiego.gov if you plan to attend.

WHAT: Junior Firefighter Camp media availability

WHO: Captain Mike Colafrancesco, Junior Firefighter Camp Coordinator
Engineer Daniel McNamara, Assistant Junior Firefighter Camp Coordinator
100 junior firefighters

WHEN: Wednesday, July 25, 2018 between 8 and 11 a.m. (media availability)

WHERE: SD Fire-Rescue Training Facility
2580 Kincaid Road
San Diego, CA 92101

VISUALS: Interviews with camp organizers Capt. Colafrancesco, Engineer Dan McNamara and selected attendees.
Opportunities for videotaping at a variety of activity stations.

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