



Bishop Fire Department

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Press Release

Independence, CA

Saturday and Sunday November 16th & 17th, 2019

Firefighters from around the Owens Valley will be at the Independence Airport gaining invaluable skills to fight fires this weekend.

The California State Fire Association (CSFA) and the Kelseyville CA Fire Department will be providing live fire training to the local fire departments though out the entire weekend. The project is being funded by a federal SAFER grant and comes at no cost to our local departments. We are truly excited about this opportunity where we will practice attacking live fire, performing roof ventilation, and forcible entry. These are all skills used to safely and effectively fight the fires that happen in our communities every year.

Firefighters from Kelseyville and the Blue Collar Training Network bring their own training props, including a state of the art propane powered live burn trailer that simulates realistic interior firefighting. We are excited to get this opportunity and the ability to bring the training to us. It is always great to receive new and updated training to keep our skillsets sharp, and our families and neighbors safe.

For those who may not know... Our local firefighters and most EMT's are all volunteer. That means they are taking precious time from their personal lives to help you. We expect 60 firefighters from Olancha, Lone Pine, Independence, Big Pine, Bishop, and Chalfant Valley to attend. Volunteering is an extremely rewarding experience and all of our communities are seeking those who may wish to join a great team.

Please feel free to come by the airport, talk to the firefighters, take pictures, and watch the action.