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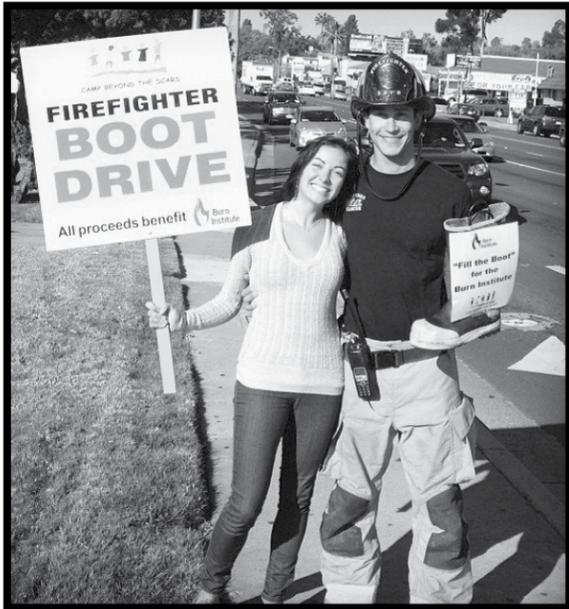
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Firefighters Fill Their Boots With Loot



On Tuesday, March 12th, hundreds of uniformed firefighters and fire chiefs representing 44 fire departments volunteered to grab a fire boot and stand at street intersections throughout the county to during the 14th Annual Firefighter Boot Drive.

“When you consider that the overwhelming majority of donations are one dollar bills, it is clear that the boot drive has become one of the Burn Institute’s most successful events of the year,” said Burn Institute Executive Director, Scott Walker. “The participation of so many members of the fire service is a testament to the remarkable partnership we have with firefighters. The fire service really is the backbone of this organization. And best of all, as a local nonprofit agency, every dollar raised here stays right here. The firefighters are taking care of their community.” added Walker.

Sponsored by the San Diego–Imperial County Fire Fighters Advisory Council to the Burn Institute and the San Diego County Fire Chiefs’ Association, the Burn Institute’s 14th Annual Firefighter Boot Drive is the organization’s largest one-day fundraiser. As always, the top fire department from each region will win the Burn Institute’s highly-coveted bronze Boot Drive trophy.

This year, the Burn Institute also welcomed San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E) as they hosted a “Fill the Boot for the Burn Institute” boot drive at their Kearny Mesa campus as part of their month-long fundraiser for the Burn Institute. Firefighters stationed themselves on the cul-de-sac at SDG&E headquarters, Century Park, during the morning and afternoon rush hour in hopes of reaching over 2,000 SDG&E employees. Their efforts resulted in over \$54,000 raised to support Burn Institute programs and services. Between the fire departments and SDG&E, nearly \$240,000 was donated. The Burn Institute would like to give a big “Thank You” to everyone that took part in the Boot Drive.

*Boot Drive results by department will be listed in the Summer edition of the Beacon Newsletter. 🔥

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Local Fire Departments Bring Holiday Cheer To Burn Survivors

The Burn Institute joined forces with local fire departments to fulfill the holiday wishes of burn survivors and their families in December. Oftentimes, the burn survivors served by the Burn Institute are of low-income and have little to no support. In an effort to brighten the holidays for these families, the Burn Institute reached out to local departments and they willingly answered the call. Families submitted their wish lists which were fulfilled and delivered along with a dinner basket by firefighters in a shiny fire engine.

Generous departments that adopted a family included San Diego Fire-Rescue, Station 35, Division B, Miramar Fire Department, Heartland Fire & Rescue, Station 11 and Cal Fire. "As a Burn Institute volunteer for 10 years, I have seen burn survivors demonstrate such courage at Camp Beyond the Scars and their strength has always inspired me as well as so many others," stated Captain Jamie Nichols of San Diego Fire-Rescue. "That strength encourages me to do my job better and inspire others in the fire service to do the same. This is the time of year to be thankful and give back and this is our way of giving back to the burn survivor community we serve."

The Burn Institute would also like to thank Corina Mitchell with SCENTSY and students from St. Augustine University for donating toys for the UCSD Burn Center's pediatric patients. ♡



Dear Friends:

This BI Board & Staff message is more of an open letter to the fire service. The message is quite simple – THANK YOU!

As we are sure you have noticed, many of the great things that the Burn Institute does in our community are made possible because of our tremendous partnership with the fire service.

The next few months will be extremely busy – this Spring alone we have held or will be involved with four fire service connected events – Fill the Boot for the Burn Institute Firefighter Boot Drive, Firefighter Night at the Padres, the Spirit of Courage Awards Banquet and the Farmers Insurance FIRE & SAFETY EXPO/Firefighter Demo Derby presented by Viejas. Each of these events is a big success each year – all because of the firefighters and fire chiefs in our community. Tens of thousands of dollars are raised – with every penny being reinvested right here – in our community – making us all safer and ensuring that burn survivors are given the help they need and deserve.

A big part of our program activities are also done in concert with fire agencies throughout the region. From ensuring that juvenile firesetters end their dangerous behavior, to installing hundreds of smoke alarms, to educating homeowners on how to safeguard their house from the ravages of wildfire – the fire service is always there for us – working hand in glove on our common mission.

Perhaps the crowning jewel of the fire service's commitment to the Burn Institute is coming up this July ... Camp Beyond the Scars. This powerful program has really been adopted by the fire service as its own. Firefighters helping burn-injured children by volunteering at camp is a natural fit. Our camp is recognized as one of the best in North America. Obviously, our local firefighters had a major hand in creating this top-notch program.

Thank you for all that you do for the Burn Institute and most importantly, those served by our lifesaving programs and services.

Stay Safe!

The Burn Institute is the local nonprofit agency dedicated to reducing the number of burn injuries and deaths in San Diego, Imperial, Riverside and San Bernardino counties through fire and burn prevention education, burn care research and treatment, and burn survivor support services.

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BOARD & STAFF MESSAGE



Fire and Burn Prevention Facts & Tips

Fact 80% percent of burn injuries are preventable.

Tip Protect your family with a practiced fire escape plan, and establish an outside meeting area. Download your free plan at: www.burninstitute.org.

Calling All Artists: Fire Safety Poster Contest Sponsored by SDG&E and the American Fire Sprinkler Association

Do you have a budding young artist in your family? Are you a teacher who would like your students to learn important fire and burn prevention safety tips?

The Burn Institute is inviting local children ages 5-9 to submit original artwork featuring fire and burn prevention safety messages for use in its 2014 Fire Safe Kids calendar! Children are asked to submit artwork representing one area of prevention and are encouraged to include seasonal references (i.e. holidays, summer). Get creative and have fun with it! Visit www.firesafekid.org for more ideas.



Winning artwork will be used in the 2014 Burn Institute calendar and will be displayed at the 23rd Annual Farmers Insurance Fire & Safety Expo/Firefighter Demo Derby presented by Viejas, June 8, 2013 at the Del Mar Fairgrounds. The Grand Prize winner will get the ride of a lifetime in a fire engine to the Fairgrounds! Hurry! Contest deadline is May 17, 2013.

For contest guidelines and info, visit www.burninstitute.org. Schedule a FREE Fire Safe Kid Presentation for your school! Call us at (858) 541-2277. ♡

Why We “Spring Forward”... And Test Smoke Alarms Monthly

Working smoke alarms are a key ingredient in protecting occupants in a home fire. Often residents remove batteries when the alarm has gone off after a burnt food incident, only to forget to replace the batteries afterwards. Statistics show that while more than 90 percent of homes have smoke alarms, half may not be working because of missing or dead batteries. If smoke alarms aren't working, they can't help save lives.

With Spring upon us, now is a good time to remember to change the batteries in your smoke alarms. And if you don't have smoke alarms, it's time to install them! The San Diego County Fire Chiefs want to remind residents that simply testing the batteries in your smoke alarms each month could help prevent burn injuries or even death.



By the time flames are roaring through a house, it may be too late to stop the fire. Even worse, it may be too late to safely get your family out of your burning home. Fires can start and spread quickly, often while you're asleep. So to protect yourself and your family from fires, install a smoke alarm in every crucial area of your home. A smoke alarm, also called a smoke detector, can sense a fire early on and warn a family of impending danger before tragedy strikes. Smoke alarms are sold at hardware and home improvement stores, and even some supermarkets.

You'll need to change the batteries in your smoke alarm at least once each year. Pick a time that's easy for you to remember and stick to it. Many people like to change the batteries in their smoke alarms when daylight savings ends each fall or begins in the spring. You could also choose a holiday or a birthday. ♡

Chief Dave Hanneman
President, San Diego County
Fire Chiefs' Association

Children and Fire

Statistics show that annually, more than 300 people are killed and nearly one billion dollars in property is destroyed by fires set by children. Over 30-percent of the victims from these fires are the children themselves.

Before you can begin to understand firesetting behavior, you must first look at where and why children set fires. Several variables are linked to juvenile firesetting, including peer pressure, curiosity, mental health and substance abuse problems and lack of adult supervision.

- Younger children typically set fires in their home, often hiding in their bedroom – a location with numerous flammables.
- Older children often play with fire outside of the home.
- Most children who set fires lack fire safety education, but more importantly, appropriate parental supervision.
- Children mistakenly believe that they can control the fires that they set.
- Once a fire is set, it only takes about two-minutes for the flame from a single match to set an entire room on fire, and less than five minutes for that fire to overtake an entire house.

Should you be concerned if your child lights a very small fire?

Yes! Most fires start small and can quickly grow out of control. A fire can double in size every 30-seconds. Anytime a child starts a fire he or she endangers himself and the people around him.

Could this be just a phase?

Juvenile firesetting is extremely dangerous and should not be dismissed as simple curiosity or just a phase. Left alone, it can cause property damage, severe burn injuries or even loss of life. Parents and other adults who discover that a child is playing with fire should take it very seriously.

Educate Your Children That:

- Fire is a tool, not a toy.
- Fire is dangerous and it can kill.
- All fires, even small ones, can spread quickly.
- Adults must also follow fire safety rules.

The number of fires set by children is growing. If you suspect, or find evidence that your child is setting fires, you should be concerned!

The first thing you should do is sit down with your child and have a serious discussion about the potentially fatal consequences of playing with fire. Then, call the Burn Institute and ask about the Juvenile Firesetter Program. Don't be afraid to call for help! The Burn Institute's Juvenile Firesetter Program has a successful track record educating children about the dangers associated with fire. Additionally, the program offers mental health services that specifically address firesetting behaviors. For more information on the Burn Institute Juvenile Firesetter Program, call 858-541-2277. ♡

In January, the Burn Institute joined forces with Councilmember Lorie Zapf and San Diego Fire-Rescue to alert the community to winter dangers in the home.

When the weather turns cold, San Diego experiences numerous home fires, some ending with heroic rescue efforts by the City's first responders. The Burn Institute estimates that thousands of San Diegans live in homes without working smoke alarms, and even more lack carbon monoxide detectors. As of January, California law requires all homes, including apartments, with fossil-fuel burning appliances have working carbon monoxide detectors. The Burn Institute provides and installs free smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors, when available, in the homes of seniors in our community. Be prepared, save a life. ♡



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The Burn Institute is grateful to the following individuals, corporations, foundations and community groups for their generous gifts. Listed below are donations of \$250+ made from November, 2012 through March, 2013.

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Fire and Burn Prevention Facts & Tips

Fact A working smoke alarm decreases the chance of dying in a house fire by 50% percent.

Tip Check your smoke alarms every month and change batteries at least once per year.

Flurry of Fun at Winter Camp

By Rick Stone/Winter Camp Director

Burn survivors from San Diego and Imperial Counties and the Inland Empire bundled up and made the trek up to Winter Camp Beyond the Scars in February. The unique camp gave young burn survivors an opportunity to be with kids who are experiencing similar issues, as they deal with the physical and emotional trauma associated with burn injury. Held over President's Day weekend in the beautiful San Bernardino mountain community of Big Bear Lake, camp was open to burn-injured children 5-17 years old. This year's camp was themed "Game On" and it was just that. From the time campers arrived it was nonstop good times. It was the Young Americans coming out to teach the kids about singing and dancing while passing on the message of doing whatever you want as long as you believe in yourself and don't give up. It was the Redlands YMCA coming out and doing a demo of circus type acrobats, or it was campers wobbling onto an ice rink for the first time. Whatever the activity, camp was full of smiles and laughs. Each year we strive to create a supportive fun camp where the kids can come out and be who they are, not worrying about questions or judgment. Equally as important is the

camp's goal of making memories that last a lifetime. Snowballs, sledding, s'mores, dancing into the night, and hanging out with their friends filled up the three-day weekend. A year's worth of planning unfolded into another great camp. And while the memories of another closing ceremony, telling their closest friends "see ya next camp" is still fresh in our minds, planning for next year's camp has already begun. It is with the thought that our kids come first, the dedicated and passionate group of people who make up the planning committee, and the support of the Burn Institute, that we will make each and every camp better than the last. Thank you to all the campers who came out and participated. Thank you to the counselors who gave up a holiday weekend with their loved ones to make a special weekend for a special group of kids. Thank you to the Burn Institute for your endless support. Thank you to everyone who made up the staff of camp. And thank you to anyone who donated time or money to make it all happen. Without any one of these groups, camp would not exist. It was my honor to serve as Camp Director and my privilege to be part of a truly special experience. ♡



**SAVE
THE DATE!**



CAMP BEYOND THE SCARS

**Summer
Camp Beyond The Scars**

July 29- August 4, 2013

Oakbridge Camp, Ramona, CA

For more information, contact
Director of Programs, Dana Kuhn
at **858-541-2277, Ext. 17** or
dkuhn@burninstitute.org

Burn Survivors Celebrate the Holidays

Each year, the UCSD Regional Burn Center and the Burn Institute co-host the very popular holiday party for burn survivors. This year's festivities held at the Town & Country Hotel in Mission Valley included cookie, holiday card & ornament decorating stations, a balloon artist, face painting, plus lots of music, dance performances, good food and a performance by the talented UCSD Burn Center Holiday Carolers!

After dinner, young guests gathered in front of the hotel to wait for Santa's dramatic entrance on a shiny red fire engine, its lights & sirens announcing the grand arrival. Hundreds of young burn survivors and their families attended the holiday party – more than 400 guests in all.

Director of Programs, Dana Kuhn, headed up the event, explaining its importance not only to young burn survivors and their families, but to UCSD Regional Burn Center doctors, nurses and staff. "It gives them the opportunity to visit with patients that they work with, and see them doing well in their recovery. The smiles definitely validate the hard work they do year round."

The Burn Institute wishes to thank the UCSD Regional Burn Center, event co-sponsor and all the volunteers and companies that donated their services to make this such a special event. ♡



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Farmers Insurance Fire & Safety Expo/Firefighter Demo Derby presented by Viejas - June 8, 2013

Save the date and join us for the most exciting day of firefighting fun and car-crushing excitement this side of the Mississippi! Held during the San Diego County Fair, general admission will allow visitors to enjoy the fairgrounds PLUS all of the excitement that has made the Farmers Insurance Fire & Safety Expo/Firefighter Demo Derby presented by Viejas the largest firefighting event in Southern California! It's a great value for your entertainment dollar – and all for a good cause!

- Firefighter Demolition Derby
- Derby Car Display (pre-race)
- Local heroes compete head-to-head
- "Live" firefighter demonstrations
- Vehicle Fire
- Vehicle Extrication
- Rappelling & more!
- Burn Run Parade of fire trucks/apparatus
- FREE GIVEAWAYS – Win a chance for a ride on the Farmers Insurance Airship
- Community Pavilion & fire safety exhibits
- Fire & burn prevention education booths, vendors
- Free Photo with a firefighter!
- Fire truck, engine & apparatus display
- Activities & hands-on fun for the kids
- Fire Safe Kid poster contest display
- Free smoke alarms, prizes & giveaways
- Live music

Event proceeds support BI fire and burn prevention education, burn survivor support services and programs including Camp Beyond the Scars for burn-injured children (5-17). So come out and join us -- and experience an exhilarating day of firefighting fun!

For general information, call the Burn Institute (858)541-2277 or visit www.burninstitute.org. Firefighters interested in derby participation or businesses wishing to sponsor a car or event booth: Contact Kelsey Warren at (858)541-2277, Ext. 20; kwarren@burninstitute.org.



SDG&E Honored

Congratulations to San Diego Gas & Electric for being named 2013 Combined Health Agencies' Health Hero by the Burn Institute in a ceremony held in Balboa Park in March. SDG&E has been an important partner for the Burn Institute for over 25 years. They fund very important fire & burn prevention programs including the Living with Wildfire Guide, Fire Safe Kids, Scald Prevention and the Senior Smoke Alarm program. SDG&E representatives regularly volunteer their time to install smoke alarms in the homes of local seniors as well. The Burn Institute is very grateful to have partners like SDG&E. ♡



Jim Boland, Director - Electric Regional Construction & Operations Electric Transmission & Distribution at San Diego Gas & Electric accepts his Health Hero Award.

SAVE THE DATE!

41st Annual Spirit of Courage Awards Banquet

Thursday, May 16, 2013
Hyatt Mission Bay Spa & Marina

For general information visit:
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SAVE THE DATE!

Chiefs' Gala & Golf Classic

Gala: Saturday, October 12, 2013
Del Mar Paddock

Golf Classic: Monday, October 14, 2013
Maderas Golf club

For general information visit:
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Fire Safe Kids in Inland Empire

The Burn Institute-Inland Empire is set to expand its Fire Safe Kids Program through a generous grant from The Gas Company. The Gas Company in its efforts to reduce fire and burns through education in our community awarded \$10,000 to the Burn Institute-Inland Empire because of their known programs within Riverside and San Bernardino Counties. "I am so very proud to work for The Gas Company, because we understand the value of giving back to the communities in which we live & serve. As a Burn Survivor myself, I so very much appreciate the Burn Institute's prevention programs and their efforts to keep our children safe" stated Robert Visconti, Regional Public Affairs Manager and President of the Board to the Burn Institute-Inland Empire.



The Fire Safe Kids Program of the Burn Institute-Inland Empire was created to increase awareness and educate K-3 children and families about vital fire and burn prevention education. All materials are bi-lingual and will be provided to schools completely free of charge, designed to fit into the typical school day curriculum. It also includes a take home version to generate family involvement, which includes the new website www.FireSafeKid.org.



Pictured left to right: Robert Visconti, The Gas Company; Sheri Earley, BI-IE Board Member; Brian "Scott" Bates, BI-IE Board Member; Sherri Laffey-Long, BI-IE Executive Director; Chief David Waltemeyer, BI-IE Board Member trophy to Joe Lavigne from Lemon Grove Fire Department

BI – Inland Empire Update

The Burn Institute-Inland Empire has been off to a fantastic start in 2013. On January 13, the Burn Institute-Inland Empire and Corona Firefighters hosted their annual Pole Position - Race to the Camp fundraiser. 'The Race to the Camp' involved 10 five-member teams, representing businesses and fire associations from throughout the San Bernardino and Riverside county region. The teams competed in a 90-minute endurance race in industry-leading Formula EK20 Pro Karts, complete with pit stops and driver changes.

This year's teams included:

- Corona Fire Association – 1st Place
- Riverside City Fire Association – 2nd Place
- San Bernardino County Sheriff – 3rd Place
- The Gas Company
- Corona Police Officers Association
- Palm Springs Firemen's Association
- Lucas Oil
- Inland Body & Paint
- Dr. Joe's Burn Survivor Team

Additional Sponsors:

- AMR – Riverside
- Craig & Sons Termite & Pest Control

The event raised over \$5,600 to help send our kids to winter camp. We appreciate the support of our teams and sponsors – we couldn't do what we do without you!

Upcoming Events

May 18: Fiesta Village Spring Fling

Imperial Valley Firefighters Fill Their Boots

On March 22nd & 23rd, Imperial Valley firefighters took to the streets to raise funds for the Burn Institute. They gathered at intersections all over the county with their boots in hand. Generous motorists donated nearly \$15,000 this year! Everything collected will stay in the Imperial Valley for fire & burn prevention education and burn survivor support. Look for complete results and photos in the summer edition of the Beacon Newsletter!



CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

We are looking for volunteers to help out at the Farmers Insurance Fire & Safety Expo/Firefighter Demo Derby presented by Viejas on June 8th.

Please contact Kathleen Frampton at 858-541-2277 ext. 11 or kframpton@burninstitute.org

2013 EVENT CALENDAR

MAY

41st Annual Spirit of Courage Awards Banquet
Thursday, May 16

Hyatt Regency Mission Bay



JUNE

Farmers Insurance Fire & Safety Expo/ Firefighter Demo Derby presented by Viejas

Saturday, June 8

Del Mar Fairgrounds

JULY-AUG

27th Annual Summer Session Camp Beyond The Scars

July 29 - August 4

Oakbridge Camp, Ramona, CA



OCTOBER

Chiefs' Gala & Golf Classic

Gala: Saturday, October 12, 2013

Golf Classic: Monday, October 14, 2013

Del Mar Paddock and Maderas Golf Club

Programs and Services

Fire and Burn Prevention Education

- Emergency Preparedness in the Workplace Program (Nominal Fee)
- Fire and Burn Prevention, Fire, Burns & You Curriculum Guide
- Fire-Safe Kids (K-3) & (4-6)
- First Responder Smoke Alarm Program
- It's Your Choice: Stop Fires and Burns I & II
- Juvenile Firesetter Program
- Senior Fire Safety & Smoke Alarm Program
- Wildfire Guide

Burn Research

- Funding Vital Burn Research and Treatment

Burn Survivor Support

- Adult Support Group
- Young Adult Support Group
- Camp Beyond the Scars for Burn-Injured Children
- Emergency Needs Fund
- Family Camp
- Holiday Party
- Mentorship Program
- Retreat for Adult Burn Survivors & Caregivers
- Retreat for Young Adult Burn Survivors
- Scholarship Program
- SOAR Peer Support
- Special Assistance Fund

Community Service

- Fire and Burn Prevention Literature
- Public Service Announcements
- Speakers Bureau
- Spirit of Courage Awards Banquet
- Red Guide to Recovery

i Emergency Preparedness in the Workplace

Train Your Employees Today!

The Burn Institute's Emergency Preparedness in the Workplace Program is structured around the guidelines and recommendations made by OSHA, DOSH, and Cal/OSHA, the National Fire Protection Association and other recognized experts and can be tailored to meet the needs of your business.

Trained employees will:

- Respond with greater confidence in emergency situations.
- Effectively utilize portable fire extinguishers.
- Have confidence in the development and practice of emergency evacuation and group congregating procedures.

Nominal program fee includes equipment and course completion certificates. Proceeds from this program will help support BI fire and burn prevention education and burn survivor support programs including *Camp Beyond The Scars*.

Visit www.burninstitute.org for more information.

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Beacon Bits

♠ Jim Payne has retired as Community Outreach Specialist for the Burn Institute, Imperial Valley is after five years with us. We wish him all the best and welcome Adam Avila and Jason Bandaruk as the new Community Outreach Specialists for Imperial Valley.

♠ The Burn Institute welcomes Jennifer Shultz to the San Diego office as our new Community Outreach Specialist.

♠ Thank you to the Insurance Brokers and Agents San Diego Membership for donating proceeds from their annual holiday party in the amount of \$7,860 to the Burn Institute.

♠ The Burn Institute was a beneficiary of the Day at the Docks event again this year which raised over \$2,800 to support programs & services.

♠ Thank you to the dozens of volunteers that have come out so far this year to help keep seniors in our community safe by installing free smoke alarms in their homes. We could not provide this important service without you!

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