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CONTRA COSTA FIRE ANNOUNCES RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY OF CONTRA COSTA WILDLAND FIRE TRAINING CENTER

BYRON, CALIF., – Contra Costa County Fire Protection District (Contra Costa Fire) is pleased to announce the grand opening of the Byron Wildland Fire Training Center (BWFTC) in Byron.

The new training center will serve as another base for Crew 12. Crew 12 was a program started in Spring of 2020 and consists of one captain and 12 wildland firefighters. Contra Costa Fire deploys two crews during wildland fire season. Their primary responsibilities during a wildland fire are to create firelines, defensible space, and mop-up with hand tools, saws and firing devices. This strategic positioning in Byron for Crew 12 will enable the hand crew to respond quickly to wildland fires in the eastern portion of Contra Costa County.

The BWFTC will serve as an additional training center. Given the multiple buildings and acres around it, a multitude of wildland classes and manipulative skills are now possible within the borders of the fire district. The opening of this facility speaks to the current trend of Contra Costa Fire's growth and in its commitment to improving emergency services to the citizens of the county.

WHERE: The former Byron Boys Ranch, 4491 Bixler Road, Byron, CA 94514

WHEN: Thursday, June 6th at 12:00 pm

Contra Costa Fire, County and Byron town officials will be in attendance and available for interviews on the project.

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About Contra Costa County Fire Protection District (Contra Costa Fire) Contra Costa Fire provides fire and emergency medical services to more than 770,000 residents in 12 cities (Antioch, Brentwood, Clayton, Concord, Lafayette, Martinez, Oakley, Pinole, Pittsburg, Pleasant Hill, San Pablo and Walnut Creek) and 10 unincorporated areas across our expanded 558 square-mile jurisdiction. The District comprises 34 fire stations, 39 companies and more than 500 employees. Through our unique ambulance Alliance, the District delivers EMS and ambulance transport services to much of Contra Costa County. Contra Costa Fire remains dedicated to preserving life, property, and the environment.