

MEDIA ADVISORY

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE March 19, 2024 Media Contact Chris Kim <u>ckim@jcod.lacounty.gov</u>

Justice, Care and Opportunities Department Launches First-of-its-Kind Fire Camp Program in LA County

LOS ANGELES – The Justice, Care and Opportunities Department (JCOD) is excited to celebrate the launch of the first cohort of the Los Angeles County Training Center (LACTC) Fire Camp. This is an innovative residential job training program in Calabasas that will provide participants with opportunities to thrive.

Fire Camp residents will receive free certifications and hands-on training in fire services, free on-site room and board, career counseling, life skills training and job placement assistance. Priority applications are reserved for those who are justice involved, former foster system impacted and veterans. Participation is 100% voluntary and requires a commitment of up to 12 months to complete all trainings and certifications.

What: LACTC Fire Camp Cohort 1 Launch

When: Thursday, March 21, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

Where: LACTC (formerly Camp Gonzales) – 1301 N. Las Virgenes Road, Calabasas, CA, 91302

Who:

- Judge Songhai Armstead, (Ret.), Director of JCOD
- Supervisor Lindsey Horvath, Chair of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors
- Mayor Alicia Weintraub, Mayor of Calabasas
- Chief Anthony Marrone, Fire Chief of the Los Angeles County Fire Department
- Fire Camp Participants and more

Please note parking for this event is <u>limited</u>. To RSVP contact <u>pio@jcod.lacounty.gov</u> For more information about the LACTC Fire Camp, click <u>here</u>.

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