

Fire Chief Douglas Barry  
Los Angeles Fire Department  
200 North Main Street  
Room 1800  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

March 19, 2007

Dear Chief Barry:

The Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council would like to take this opportunity to commend the members of the Urban Search and Rescue Task Force at Fire Station 88 for their assistance with our National Clean Up Day Events. Our events were conducted over two weekends in March. The excellent results of the clean up would not have been accomplished without the expertise of the members assigned to USR 88 A, B, and C Platoons.

Volunteers from the community, combined with members of our very own Light Force 28, and 12 members of Fire Explorer Post 15, (guided by Post Advisor Engineer Gary Kahler) removed over 100 bags of unsightly trash and debris from Aliso Canyon and the steep Braemore Road Overlook. USR 88-B Platoon provided technical hands on instruction, safety, and mentoring to the Fire Explorers. We are proud to say that the Fire Explorers from Post 15 are primarily residents of Northridge and Porter Ranch, and will one day be future members of the Fire Department.

The Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council appreciates the collaborative efforts of the Fire Department; in particular the outstanding staff of the Community Liaison Office led by Battalion Chief Kwame Cooper, and the Battalion 15 Headquarters Office, in helping the PRNC contribute to the Mayor's initiative to clean up Los Angeles. We look forward to working with the Fire Department on future initiatives in Porter Ranch.

Sincerely,

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