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Vernon Fire Marshal issues 2013 fire season warning, strongly urges immediate brush, debris and trash clearance near commercial, residential structures

Vernon, CA – The City of Vernon Fire Department’s (VFD) Fire Marshal Jed Hulseley today issued a 2013 Fire Season Warning urging commercial and residential property owners to take immediate steps to “remove and clear any potential fire hazards – including brush, trash and debris – that may be present on their properties and adjacent railroad spur tracks.”

“Southern California recently ended its fourth-driest winter rainy season in 136-years,” Hulseley said. “That means our fire season that normally begins in the late summer months has started early,” he said.

Hulseley said all brush near structures must be cut to a minimum of 3-inches in height and all outside storage must be kept clear of adjacent property boundaries by at least 3-feet.

“If we find fire season code violations during our department’s inspections, property owners and occupants will be issued fire safety correction notices,” Hulseley said.

“We can prevent a fire disaster in Vernon by taking the proper precautions. Our region’s lack of rain has made surface conditions extremely dry and flammable. We ask everyone to do their part to keep Vernon fire safe,” Hulseley added.

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Vernon was founded in 1905 to create jobs in California. Vernon’s 1,800 businesses create more than 105,000 jobs in the Los Angeles area – including 55,000 jobs within the city’s 5.2-mile boundary. The Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation designated Vernon as California’s ‘Most Business Friendly City.’ Vernon generates more than \$330 million in state income and sales taxes, \$1.1 billion in taxable spending. Vernon’s businesses provide more than 4.4 billion in salaries and wages annually for workers in Los Angeles County. For more information, go to www.cityofvernon.org.

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