

FOOTHILL AIR Support TEAM

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NEWS RELEASE

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Wednesday, March 30, 2005

The Foothill Air Support Team and San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control Battle the West Nile Virus with “Operation Dirty Water”

The Pasadena Police Department provides regional helicopter air support in the cities of Alhambra, Arcadia, Azusa, Covina, Monrovia and West Covina in what is known as the Foothill Air Support Team (FAST). FAST will team up with the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control to help battle the West Nile Virus.

The West Nile Virus is commonly spread by mosquitoes. Tens of thousands mosquitoes can breed in standing water. FAST and Mosquito Control have developed a comprehensive operation to use a police helicopter to help locate and target green swimming pools and other sources of dirty standing water in the seven San Gabriel Valley cities. The best way to control mosquitoes is to get rid of standing water on private and commercial properties.

FAST will use high tech Global Positioning Systems (GPS) coupled with the Los Angeles County Tax Assessors Geographical Information System information to identify locations of large bodies of dirty water. Mosquito Control personnel will be teamed with the flight crews to identify, photograph and eliminate dirty water conditions at identified locations.

Where: Pasadena Police Heliport
2175 Yucca Lane
Altadena, CA 91001

Contact: Lieutenant Bob Mulhall, Pasadena Police, 626-744-6425

When: Tuesday, April 5, 2005. Media Opportunity at 9:00 AM. Aircraft lift off time 10:00

Visuals: Pasadena Police Heliport flight line. Foothill Air Support Team's Bell Jet Helicopters

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