



NEWS RELEASE

Chico Fire Prevention & Life Safety Bureau



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RE: Annual Public Safety Exhibition Day & Dispatcher Appreciation Dinner

Chico – The 9th Annual Public Safety Exhibition Day will be hosted by the Chico Elks Lodge #423, **rain or shine** on **Thursday, April 1st** from **10:00 AM to 2:00 PM**. The Elks Lodge is located at **1705 Manzanita Ave**, behind Chico Fire Station 5. The public and media are invited to view an exciting array of public safety apparatus that will be staffed and demonstrated by emergency personnel. Highlights of the event include helicopters from the California Highway Patrol and the Butte County Sheriff's Department, Bomb Robot, police cars, fire engines, ambulances, Butte County Search and Rescue vehicles, Chico Police K-9 and Mounted Police Officers demos and the Chico Fire Safe House. The event also features numerous indoor educational safety displays and interactive demonstrations appropriate for both children and adults. Local schools have been invited to attend the event as an educational field trip. The annual Public Safety Exhibition Day event additionally honors **Public Safety Dispatchers**, and highlights their important contribution to public safety agencies in Butte County. During the **evening** of **Thursday April 1st**, the Elks will present each agency's "**Dispatcher of the Year**" winners with a plaque and gifts during a dinner at the lodge that will be held in their honor. **The Dispatcher Appreciation dinner begins at 6 PM**. For further information about the Public Safety Exhibition Day or the Dispatcher Appreciation Dinner, please contact the Chico Elks Lodge at 530-343-1431 or Marie Fickert at 530-521-8092.