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## THE LACoFD HOSTS FIRST SIRENS OF SILENCE COMMUNITY EVENT & COLLABORATES WITH SIX FLAGS MAGIC MOUNTAIN

Los Angeles, CA – On Friday, September 24, 2021, the Los Angeles County Fire Department (LACoFD) hosted its first Sirens of Silence event at Pristine Rehab Care in the city of Diamond Bar. As part of the program, firefighters from Fire Station 120 met with community members with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) as well as their families and therapists to learn how to best approach and respond to individuals with ASD and other special needs.

This week, the LACoFD also collaborated with Six Flags Magic Mountain and Hurricane Harbor by supplying Sirens of Silence sensory-sensitive items for amusement park visitors, if needed.

"Our collaboration with Pristine Rehab Care and Six Flags Magic Mountain is the first of many Sirens of Silence initiatives to better serve individuals with special needs in Los Angeles County. We will continue to build ongoing relationships between first responders and our communities," said Fire Chief Daryl L. Osby. "Sirens of Silence is committed to providing quality and equitable resources for all."

The Sirens of Silence program promotes special needs awareness, education, and inclusion through training and extensive resources, such as a picture board with emotions and common needs and a visual schedule that gives patients a clear picture of what to expect when first responders care for them or their family members. The picture board, visual schedule, and other materials are available to download on our website in various languages.

The program will continue spreading autism and special needs awareness through community events and educating personnel and the public. The LACoFD proudly embraces all abilities and needs.