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## MEDIA ADVISORY

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## Fontana Unified High School to Host Dedication, Officially Name Campus Fire Station After Beloved Instructor

**WHAT:** Fontana High School will host a dedication and naming ceremony of its campus fire station, which is used by its Fire Technology and Emergency Services career technical education (CTE) program. The station will officially be named McGinnis Station 815 in honor of the first director of FOHI's Fire Technology program Michael McGinnis, who played an instrumental role in developing the pathway.

The Fontana Unified School District Board of Education approved renaming the station in October 2023 to honor the legacy of McGinnis, who died in 2021. McGinnis is remembered for how he inspired Fontana High students to pursue careers in public service and strove to provide them with the best experience possible.

**WHEN:** **Wednesday, April 17**  
3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**WHERE:** Fontana High School  
9453 Citrus Ave., Fontana

**DETAILS:** FOHI's Fire Technology pathway partners with local industry partners, including local fire station crews and medical professionals, to expose students to everyday life in the firefighting or emergency medical industries. The campus fire station is a key part of that and houses a retired San Bernardino County Fire Department, which was donated by the Fontana Rotary Club and SBCFD in January.

McGinnis came to Fontana High after a career as a firefighter, with stops at Compton Fire Department, CalFire, and Riverside County Fire Department. He also helped develop Chaffey College's Fire Technology Program and served as vice chair commissioner of the Fontana Parks, Community, and Human Services Commission and as a volunteer with the Fontana Police Department.

**Coverage and/or inclusion of this event in your calendar of events is welcome and greatly appreciated.**

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