



NEWS RELEASE

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CAL FIRE Annual Air Tanker Pilot Training

During the week of March 12th, 2018, CAL FIRE will be presenting its annual air tanker pilot refresher training to the pilots assigned or currently working at Ryan Air Attack Base in Hemet. This training is an annual requirement; typically held in Sacramento but due to current winter weather conditions and the fact that HRAAB is open and operational, the training will be presented to CAL FIRE pilots in Hemet.

Residents may see numerous air tankers flying in and out of Hemet Airport, flying over and maneuvering low in the area of Poppet Flats and the North Mountain truck trail and the Diamond Valley area southeast of Hemet. The tankers will drop water for practice in these areas and the infield of Hemet Airport. Residents should not be alarmed of the low flying aircraft, and may call the Hemet Ryan Air Attack Base with any questions at 951-652-2066.

Media interested in covering this training should contact the CAL FIRE/Riverside County Fire Department Public Affairs Bureau at 951-940-6985.

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