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**VHH Staff Commits to Fire Safety**

(GLENDALE, CA – April 17, 2008) – Verdugo Hills Hospital (VHH) offers fire extinguisher training to its staff twice a year to ensure that Hospital employees, both clinical and non-clinical, can calmly and effectively deal with fires and properly use a fire extinguisher. On April 16, more than 50 VHH staff members received hands-on fire extinguisher training at the heliport by the Glendale Fire Department firefighters.

“It is important that our care givers are trained on the use of fire extinguishers because they are the ones who would discover the fire and have a chance to extinguish it while it is still controllable,” said Ron Reed, Director of Hospitality Services at VHH. “We are also mandated by The Joint Commission that all first responders to a fire situation be trained on how to properly use a fire extinguisher.”

VHH employees found the training to be very useful.

“The firefighters teach you how to use a fire extinguisher and what to do when there is a fire, it’s really good information,” said Marie Hernandez, MedSurg Unit Coordinator at VHH. “The best way to learn this is by hands-on.”

“This is a good experience because most people haven’t handled a fire extinguisher,” said Lucy Esterly, Quality Management Database Coordinator at VHH.

The next fire extinguisher training at VHH is scheduled for September 24. This fire safety training is organized through the Hospital’s Education Department.

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**About the Hospital:**

Verdugo Hills Hospital is a 158-bed nonprofit primary care facility nestled in the foothills between Glendale and La Cañada Flintridge. The hospital features all private rooms, 24-hour emergency services, comprehensive inpatient and outpatient diagnostic and treatment facilities, and a family birthing center. It is the only independent, free-standing hospital in the greater Foothills community and was voted “Foothill’s Best Hospital” for 2007 by readers of the *Glendale News-Press*. Several physicians on staff also received recognition as the best in the community, including: Dr. Scott W. Beeve, Foothills Best Ophthalmologist; Dr. Allan W. Perry, Jr., Foothills Best Plastic Surgeon; Dr. Richard L. Rupp, Foothills Best Podiatrist; Dr. William F. Schubert, Foothills Best Family Physician; Dr. Jane S. Wada, Foothills Best Dermatologist; and Dr. Ronald D. Woodard, Foothills Best Obstetrician/Gynecologist. For more information, please visit [www.vhhospital.org](http://www.vhhospital.org).

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