2014 HIGHLIGHTS

conservation.

CCC expanded the hazardous reduction efforts and established a

The 7th Annual CCC Volunteer Day was held in October at

Veterans Fire Corps enrolled and trained veterans in

Conservation Awareness, Career Development, and More.

Conservation Corps participated in more than 230,000 hours of

Conservation Corps contributed to 62,000 volunteer hours to

Community Organizations statewide.

of energy use for nearly 1,000 schools.

Energy Corps-Pop 55 crews conducted detailed surveys

completed throughout California.

More than 1,000 public service conservation projects were
The CCC in 2014.
That exemplify the work of Projects and Comrpessions.

This publication highlights the importance of the CCC, formed on 1930 by President Franklin D. Roosevelt and funded to fight against the Great Depression. The CCC was part of the New Deal, a series of programs and policies created to provide relief, recovery, and reform during the Great Depression.

San Diego Fire Authority's involvement in the CCC started in 1935. Fire Authority members volunteered their time and expertise to build roads, plant trees, and restore natural habitats. The CCC was one of the first organizations to use firebreaks and controlled burns to prevent forest fires.

The CCC also played a crucial role in developing parks throughout the United States. San Diego's Balboa Park, for example, was created in part by CCC workers. The park was designated as a national historic site in 1968.

The CCC continued to operate until 1942, when President Roosevelt dissolved the program due to the outbreak of World War II. However, the legacy of the CCC and its contributions to the development of parks and natural areas continues to this day.

San Diego Fire Authority members were proud to be a part of the CCC and continue to honor its legacy by preserving and protecting the natural resources in our region.
With funding from California’s Emergency Drought Response Program, the CCC launched the Water Conservation Program, which received $25,000 in donations for a water conservation program that helps public agencies and commercial property owners reduce water use. Five crews of 10 corps members were trained and deployed across the state to assist with the installation of drought-tolerant landscaping, low-flow plumbing fixtures, and water-efficient irrigation systems.

JACQUELYN TRAPPE, crew leader for the Backcountry Crew, said the group’s work ethic and dedication to her crew member’s morale was crucial in keeping her crew’s morale up when evacuating from the area due to wildfires.

JASON HELD, crew leader for the Watershed Stewards Program, has been working hard and putting in extra hours at the US Forest Service cabin and living off-site.

As part of a national AmeriCorps program and in partnership with federal and state agencies, the CCC recruits and trains veterans to work in wildfire protection, firefighting, and fisheries restoration. The training and work experience help veterans gain skills, which lead to jobs with the US Forest Service and other agencies.