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Fire-starter Prevention Program Expanded by Board

SAN BERNARDINO – A program to prevent children from becoming fire-starters was expanded today by the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors.

“These are young people at risk of going down a dangerous path and this program will improve their lives and the safety of High Desert residents,” said First District Supervisor Brad Mitzelfelt, who represents the High Desert. “This is another example of the county’s efforts to reach our youth now before they find themselves in trouble later.”

The Board awarded a \$150,000 contract to Alpha Connection Youth and Family Services Inc. to provide a second year of the Youth Firesetter Intervention Program at its office in Apple Valley. The contract will run through November 20, 2008.

The program provides education and intervention counseling for youth and their families experiencing problems with fire setting. The program includes field trips to burn units and fire stations.

The goal during the second year of the program is to counsel and educate 2,500 students, along with their parents or guardians.