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- Santa Barbara County Firefighter Responds to Japan -

SANTA BARBARA, Ca., March 11, 2011 – At 4 am, Santa Barbara County Firefighter Eric Gray was alerted for deployment to the Japan Earth Quake Disaster.



Firefighter Eric Gray is the handler for Search Dog Riley. They will respond with Regional Task Force 2 which consists of 74 members and includes 6 search dogs. The team is specifically trained in Urban Search and Rescue (USAR). The team is currently staged at Whiteman Airport in Pacoima, gathering a cash of equipment and awaiting transportation to LAX. The team is scheduled to leave LAX at midnight tonight for Japan.

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