

# Our Connections



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## Rideshare Week Results

**The results are in!** A record number of County employees participated in this year's Rideshare Week event, which was held from October 1 thru October 5! Although short of the goal of 1,000 pledges, there was an astounding total of **794 pledges** submitted to Inland Empire Commuter Services (IECS), the agency responsible for coordinating this regional event.

On October 26th, IECS conducted the regional prize drawing, and three lucky County employees were randomly selected to win a prize! The prize winners are:

- ◆ **Lisa Bryant** of DCSS—\$100 gift card to Morongo Casino Resort/Spa
- ◆ **Tonya Kimble** of DA—\$100 Vegas.com gift certificate
- ◆ **Kun Theary Yos** of DPH —5 races at First Lap Indy Car Raceway

**Congratulations to the lucky winners!!!**

## Rideshare Program Stats

Last year, 993 employees participated in the Rideshare Program from January 1st through December 31st. These employees collectively saved:

- ◇ 3.35 million miles traveling to/from work
- ◇ 134,467 one way trips, making the roads less congested
- ◇ 33,573 pounds of vehicle emissions, resulting in cleaner air
- ◇ \$1.9 million in commuting costs

**Kudos to all the employees who made it happen!!!**

## Healthy Hearths for Healthy Lungs

Fireplaces and other wood-burning devices are actively used in an estimated 1.2 million households in the Southland, emitting more than five tons of harmful fine particulate (PM2.5) emissions per day in the South Coast Air Basin.



During late fall and winter, PM2.5 levels can rise to unhealthy concentrations during stagnant atmospheric conditions. In an effort to curtail the impact to Southland air quality during this time, the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) developed the "Check Before You Burn" Program.

Now in its third year, the program is part of the Healthy Hearths initiative to protect public health by reducing harmful fine particulate pollution from burning wood during winter months. Effective now, for specific areas where PM2.5 levels are forecast to reach unhealthy levels within the counties of Orange, Los Angeles, and San Bernardino, the SCAQMD will issue mandatory no-burn alerts.

During these mandatory no-burn alerts, residents in affected areas are not allowed to burn wood or manufactured fireplace logs in their fireplaces or outdoor fire pits. Alerts are issued one day in advance and last for 24 hours. To view the areas where no-burn alerts have been issued, visit <http://www.aqmd.gov/noburn>.

For more information on the "Check Before You Burn" Program, the Healthy Hearths initiative, and the health impacts from wood smoke, visit [www.healthyhearths.org](http://www.healthyhearths.org).

**IF YOU FAX YOUR TRACKING TO HR-CS, YOU MUST CALL TO VERIFY RECEIPT OR IT MAY NOT BE ENTERED!**

### Rideshare Tracking

How Do You Commute? (Circle One)

Carpool    Transit    Bike    Walking    Telecommute

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Emp ID # \_\_\_\_\_

Dept Name \_\_\_\_\_ Mail Code \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Work # (        ) \_\_\_\_\_ — \_\_\_\_\_

Check this box if you would like information about the County's Rideshare Programs.

#### November 2012

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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
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Please submit your Rideshare Tracking by **Friday, December 7, 2012**

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#### December 2012

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Please submit your Rideshare Tracking by **Friday, January 4, 2013**

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