

# HEMET AIR ATTACK BASE

The Hemet Air Attack Base was established in 1959 and is located in the CDF Riverside Unit in the town of Hemet.

Hemet responds to an average of 150+ calls per year. Staff at the base consists of one battalion chief, one fire captain, one fire apparatus engineer, and 15 firefighters that are shared with the Hemet-Ryan Helitack Base. The complement of aircraft located at Hemet includes one OV-10 Bronco and two S-2T airtankers.



On average, the base pumps about 650,000 gallons of retardant a year. With the base's pumps, eight loading pits and equipment, Hemet has a possible peak output of 150,000 gallons of retardant each day. Hemet has its own mixing plant and can store 60,000 gallons of retardant at the facility.

The base provides initial attack response from the Anza Borrego Valley to halfway between Ramona and Hemet.

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