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## WEEKLY

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LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT  
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## BULLETIN

FIRE DEPARTMENT ADMINISTRATION  
200 N. MAIN STREET

DOUGLAS L. BARRY  
Fire Chief

Wednesday, January 16, 2008

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### RETIREMENT LUNCHEON

Name: **HERNANDEZ**, Alfred B, Assistant Chief  
Fire Facilities, BSS

Place: L.A. Athletic Club  
431 West 7th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90014

Date & Time: **Thursday, February 7, 2008** – (“C” shift on duty)  
Social Hour: 11:30 to 12:30 –  
Lunch: 12:30 to 3:00  
**Please RSVP and payment by January 29, 2008**

Food & Price: Boneless Breast of Chicken or Broiled  
Filet Mignon \$45.00 includes tax, tip,  
and gift

Reservations: Victoria Comfort, FPB (213) 978-3595,  
Cell: (909) 228-0211  
Lora Benavidez, OCD (213) 485-9746

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**



#### RETIREMENT DINNERS

Name: **HOWELL**, Mark, Engineer  
Fire Boat “4”, Fire Station 49, “A” Platoon

Place: Fire Station 49  
400 Yacht St., Berth 194  
San Pedro, CA

Date & Time: **Sunday, February 10, 2008** – (“A” shift on duty)  
Social Hour – 3:00 p.m., Dinner – 4:30 p.m.  
**RSVP by February 3, 2008**

Food & Price: Choice of BBQ-Beef or Chicken “Simple Food  
for Simple Minds”, \$45.00 includes tax, tip,  
and gift

Reservations: Contact Fire Station 49, (310) 548-7549



### INFORMATION

#### LETTERS OF APPRECIATION

Dear Chief Barry:

On behalf of the University of Southern California Office of Fire Safety & Emergency Planning, I would like to thank your department and specifically Firefighter Willis with your Community Emergency Response Team Program for providing CERT training for 40 of our staff members. Our first group of 40 staff members will play a vital role in the event of a large-scale disaster. USC is the largest private employer in the City of Los Angeles. The number of people on our campus at any given time is huge. When an earthquake or other disaster strikes, we will have a well-trained team that can be activated and help to save lives.

Firefighter Willis did an outstanding job. He was very knowledgeable and made the class fun and informative. We

also appreciate his assistance with coordinating a brief CERT drill for our team members following the course.

I have been involved with CERT for many years. I have had the pleasure of knowing and working with Captain Stacy Gerlich, Firefighter Willis and others from your CERT Department. They are always helpful, professional and supportive. The CERT program is a critical part of the City of Los Angeles Emergency Preparedness Program. We appreciate the great relationship our university has with LAFD and we look forward to our continued private-public partnership.

Sincerely

Steve Goldfarb

Fire Safety & Emergency Planning Specialist



## I N F O R M A T I O N (CONTINUED)

### LETTERS OF APPRECIATION (Continued)

Dear Chief Barry:

On behalf of the First 5 LA, thank you for playing a vital role in the 2007 Summer Safety FunFest! at EPICC Swim Stadium on July 7th. The event was a tremendous achievement, and much of its success is directly attributed to the commitment and support of organizations like yours.

We thank of the firefighters who participated in the event and shared their enthusiasm with the children. We especially want to thank Captain Antoine McKnight for his help in arranging for Station 46 to participate in the event. In making the firefighters and fire truck available for children to meet and visit, he contributed to the success of the event. We also want to thank Captain Robert Baker from Station 147, who went out of his way to ensure that our safety tips would be disseminated citywide. Finally, we thank Captain Stacy Gerlich for being an excellent representative of the fire department and a fine spokesperson regarding hyperthermia.

Summer Safety FunFest! raised public awareness about the special dangers the summer season presents to young children

and their families. The car seat safety training, water safety and awareness classes, and CPR sessions provided parents with important information about what they can do to keep their children safe. The many organizations that participated in the event provided members of the community with information about valuable services available to them throughout the county. These important messages were also conveyed to members of the public through the media coverage generated by the event.

We hope your firefighters enjoyed Safety FunFest! and found it as valuable to the community as we did at First 5LA. We look forward to working with you to promote summer safety in the future.

Thank you for your continued commitment to helping First 5 LA make a difference in the lives of children across Los Angeles County.

Sincerely,  
Evelyn Martinez



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## WEEKLY UPDATE

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### ASSIGN HIRE AND OUT-OF-RANK HIRE UPDATE

The following is a record of the amount of Citywide assign hiring and out-of-rank hiring for the last three months.

Oct. 2007 **28** Assign Hires- 2 Eng., 18 Firefighters & 8 paramedics  
**175** members worked out of rank  
22 Inspections  
88 Engineers  
65 Apparatus operators

Nov. 2007 **23** Assign Hires- 4 Captain I, 1 Eng., 14 Firefighters & 4 Paramedics  
3 on weekends, 18 on Thanksgiving Day  
**109** members worked out of rank  
0 Captain II  
1 Captain I  
9 Inspectors  
57 Engineers  
42 Apparatus Operators

Dec. 2007 **135** Assign Hires- 5 CII, 16 CI, 4 Eng., A.O., 69 FFs & 25 PMs  
41 on weekends, 37 Christmas Eve,  
24 Christmas Day  
**308** members worked out of rank  
30 Captain II  
40 Captain I  
33 Inspectors  
110 Engineers  
95 Apparatus Operators

The Coded Assign Hire Trial Program for Paramedics was implemented on February 1, 2007. Following a vote by the UFLAC membership, the Coded Assign Hire Program ended on September 9, 2007.

Assign hiring and out-of-rank hiring peaks during the holiday months. The ability to hire an out-of-rank member for unfilled vacancies continues to reduce the need to assign hire.

An expanded out-of-rank hiring trial program began November 22, 2007, allowing Captains to volunteer to work a vacancy or alleviate an assign hire on a fulltime rescue ambulance or as a Staff Assistant. Captains and other rated members may not work overtime on Variably Staffed BLS Ambulances.

