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## WEEKLY

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## BULLETIN

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200 N. MAIN STREET

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### RETIREMENT DINNERS

**Name:** THORNTON, James, Arson Investigator  
Arson/Counter Terrorism Section

**Place:** The Historic Mayfair Hotel  
1256 W. 7<sup>th</sup> St.  
Los Angeles, CA 90017

**Date & Time:** Thursday, March 20, 2008 ("B" Shift on  
Duty)  
Social Hour – 6 pm, Dinner – 7 pm

**Food & Price:** Buffet \$35.00 includes tax and tip

**Reservations:** Arson (213) 485-6095, or in person at  
FHMTTC 1700 Stadium Way, Suite 109.

Room reservations at the Mayfair are available at a discounted  
rate. Call: (213) 484-9798, and mention the Thornton  
Retirement Dinner



**Name:** MURRAY, "Dave" Kenneth, Captain I  
Operations Control Dispatch, "B" Platoon

**Place:** Kyoto Grand (New Otani) Hotel  
120 S. Los Angeles Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

**Date & Time:** Tuesday, March 25, 2008  
("C" Shift on Duty)  
Lunch – 11:00 a.m.  
**RSVP BY MARCH 14, 2008**

**Food & Price:** Choice of Steak or Chicken  
\$45.00 includes tax and tip

**Reservations:** OCD – Chief Mike Rhodes, Natalie Goshi  
or Captain Roberts at 213-485-6009



**Name:** BURKS, Isaac, Firefighter III  
Fire Station 56 "A" Platoon

**Place:** The Renaissance Hotel  
1755 North Highland Ave.  
Hollywood, California

**Date & Time:** Wednesday, April 16, 2008 ("B" Shift on Duty)  
Social Hour – 6 p.m. Dinner – 7 p.m.  
**RSVP by April 8, 2008**

**Food & Price:** Fish, Chicken or Vegetarian Entrée (3-course  
dinner), \$56.00 includes tax and tip

**Reservations:** Fire Station 56 (213) 847-4634



**Name:** CARTER, William, Captain II  
Fire Station 90

**Place:** 94th Aero Squardon Restaurant  
16320 Raymer Avenue, Van Nuys

**Date & Time:** Thursday, April 3, 2008  
("C" Shift on Duty)  
Social Hour: 6:00 P.M. – Dinner: 7:00 P.M.  
**RSVP BY MARCH 27, 2008**

**Food & Price:** Steak or Salmon  
\$55.00 includes tax and tip

**Reservations:** Fire Station 90 (818) 787-6380

**ALL ARE WELCOME**



**Name:** KING, Gregory A., Captain I  
West Industrial Unit, FPB

**Place:** The Proud Bird Restaurant  
11022 Aviation Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90045

**Date & Time:** Friday, April 11, 2008 ("B" shift on duty)  
Social Hour – 6:00 p.m. Dinner – 7:30p.m.  
**Please RSVP and payment by April 4, 2008**

**Food & Price:** Marinated Sirloin Steak or Roasted Half  
Chicken \$50.00 includes tax, tip, and gift

**Reservations:** Contact the West Industrial Unit  
FPB (213) 473-7700 or (213) 400-7923



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# WEEKLY UPDATE

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## 2007-2008 PARAMEDIC TRAINING CLASSES

On September 24, 2007, **15 Firefighters** began paramedic training at the UCLA-Daniel Freeman Paramedic School in Inglewood. Their field internship began in February. These Firefighters should become licensed paramedics by May 2008.

On January 3, 2008, **14 Firefighters** began paramedic training at the UCLA-Daniel Freeman Paramedic School in Inglewood. These Firefighters are assigned to special duty and attend class every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. Their clinical training will begin April, and their field internship will begin in June. These Firefighters should become licensed paramedics by September 2008.

There are **10 openings** for LAFD Firefighters to attend paramedic training starting April 7, 2008, at the Los Angeles County Paramedic Training Institute in Commerce. Firefighters attending this class will be assigned to special duty and attend class every Monday – Friday for about 3 months. Any Firefighter with 12 or more months of LAFD experience prior to April 7, 2008, and having already obtained a Class “B” Driver’s License, interested in attending this class should contact Captain Tim Freeman at the EMS Training Unit (213-485-8022) and be guided by his instructions. Interested members should telephone immediately. Firefighters volunteering for this class will have the opportunity to become licensed paramedics by October 2008.

There are **15 openings** for LAFD Firefighters to attend paramedic training starting in **May 2008** at the UCLA-Daniel Freeman Paramedic School in Inglewood. Firefighters attending this class will be assigned to special duty and attend class every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday for about 4 months. Any Firefighter with 12 or more months of LAFD experience prior to May 1, 2008, and having already obtained a Class “B” Driver’s License, interested in attending this class should contact Captain Tim Freeman at the EMS Training Unit (213-485-8022) and be guided by his instructions. Interested members should telephone immediately. Firefighters volunteering for this class, and pass the paramedic pre-test, will have the opportunity to become licensed paramedics by January 2009.

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Firefighters are encouraged to begin considering a convenient time in the near future to attend Paramedic School. Additional resources and Firefighter-Paramedic positions will be requested in future budgets. It is a five-year goal that every fire station will have a minimum of one Paramedic Assessment fire company and one Paramedic Rescue Ambulance.

## QUARTERLY DEPARTMENT STATISTICS

During the months of July, August and September of 2007:

The 20 most frequently dispatched EMS Categories were:

1.	“6”	Breathing Problems	98 incidents per day
2.	“29”	Traffic Accidents	97 incidents per day
3.	“32”	Unknown Problem	75 incidents per day
4.	“26”	Sick Person	68 incidents per day
5.	“17”	Falls	67 incidents per day
6.	“31”	Unconscious / Fainting	62 incidents per day
7.	“10”	Chest Pain	60 incidents per day
8.	“4”	Assault	49 incidents per day
9.	“12”	Convulsions / Seizures	36 incidents per day
10.	“30”	Traumatic Injuries	32 incidents per day
11.	“13”	Diabetic Problems	24 incidents per day
12.	“1”	Abdominal Pain	24 incidents per day
13.	“21”	Hemorrhage / Lacerations	22 incidents per day
14.	“23”	Overdose / Poisoning	20 incidents per day
15.	“9”	Cardiac Arrest / Death	14 incidents per day
16.	“28”	Stroke (CVA)	13 incidents per day
17.	“27”	Stabbing / Gunshot	12 incidents per day
18.	“19”	Heart Problems	10 incidents per day
19.	“25”	Psychiatric / Suicide Attempt	9 incidents per day
20.	“24”	Pregnancy / Childbirth	8 incidents per day