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DOUGLAS L. BARRY
Fire Chief

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

RETIREMENTS

- Name:** ARGUELLES, Michael J., Battalion Chief
Battalion 15 "C" Platoon
- Place:** Disabled American Veterans Center
6543 Corbin Avenue
Woodland Hills, CA 91364
- Date & Time:** Wednesday, June 18, 2008 ("B" shift on duty)
Social Hour – 5:00 p.m. Dinner – 6:00 p.m.
RSVP by June 9, 2008
- Food & Price:** Ranch Style BBQ Tri-Tip and Chicken
\$40.00 includes tax, tip, and gift
- Reservations:** Fire Station 70 – (818) 756-7670
ALL ARE WELCOME
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- Name:** BAILIE, Ted, Fire Boat Mate
Fire Station 49 A-Shift
- Place:** Ports O' Call Restaurant
76 Port of Los Angeles
San Pedro, California
(310) 833-9280
- Date & Time:** June 18, 2008 ("B" Shift on duty)
6:00 p.m. Social Hour – 7:00 p.m. Dinner
- Food & Price:** Buffet
\$45.00 (includes Tax-Tip-Gift)
- RSVP:** Fire Station 49 (310) 513-8900
John Lee (661) 722-3599
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- Name:** ONISHI, Terry, Engineer
Fire Station 48 "B" Platoon
- Place:** Double Tree Hotel, San Pedro
2800 Via Cabrillo Marina
San Pedro Ca, 90731
- Date & Time:** Thursday, June 26, 2008 ("A" shift on duty)
Social Hour: 6:00 p.m. – Dinner: 7:00 p.m.
Please RSVP by June 19, 2008
- Food & Price:** Sirloin, Chicken or Salmon
\$50.00 includes tax, tip and gift.
- Reservations:** Contact Fire Station 48, (310) 548-7548 or
Mike O'Gorman (951) 852-6503
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HAWAIIAN ATTIRE
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- Name:** KILPATRICK, Robert Captain I
Operations Control Dispatch, "C" Platoon
- Place:** Knollwood Country Club
12024 Balboa Boulevard
Granada Hills, CA 91344
- Date & Time:** Friday, June 27, 2008 ("B" Shift on Duty)
Social Hour – 6:00 p.m. Dinner – 7:00 p.m.
RSVP BY JUNE 20, 2008
- Food & Price:** Choice of Filet Mignon or Chicken Marsala
\$55.00 includes tax, tip and gift
- Reservations:** OCD – Natalie Goshi or
Captain Somers at (213) 485-6009
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- Name:** WOLFE, Jim, Captain I
Fire Station 16 "A" Platoon
- Place:** Jim Wolfe's home
38323 Potato Cyn Rd, Oak Glen, CA 92399
- Date & Time:** Saturday, July 26, 2008 ("B" Shift on duty)
Fun, games 2:00 p.m. Dinner 4 p.m.
RSVP BY JULY 14, 2008
- Food & Price:** Bar-B-Q, tri-tip and chicken, salad and soda
Provided at no cost, BYOB
- Reservations:** Fire Station 16 (213) 485-6216 or
Jim Wolfe (909) 797-6478
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RETIREMENTS

Name: PROFFITT, Michael, Apparatus Operator
Fire Station 48 "C"

Place: Doubletree Hotel, Madeo Room
2800 Via Cabrillo Marina, San Pedro

Date & Time: Thursday, July 17, 2008 ("B" Shift on duty)
Social hour: 6 p.m. - Dinner 7 p.m.

Food & Price: Chicken or Beef Dinner
\$50.00 includes tax, tip & gift

Reservations: Fire Station 48 (310) 832-4768 or
(310) 831-1819

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Name: MCDONELL, Timothy, Captain II
Fire Station 73 "A"

Place: Sterling Hills Golf Club
901 Sterling Hills Dr. Camarillo CA

Date & Time: Thursday, July 31, 2008 ("C" Shift on duty)
Golf: 3 p.m.
Social Hour: 6 p.m. – Dinner: 7 p.m.

Food & Price: Buffet \$45.00

Golf: Shotgun start (9) Holes \$35.00

Reservations: Fire Station 73 Grapevine (818) 996-7543

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INFORMATION

LETTERS OF APPRECIATION

Dear Chief Barry:

Our family would like to thank you for the tremendous support and generosity provided by the Los Angeles City Fire Department, with a special thanks to Ray Mayo and Wendell Smith (along with their wives). They helped our family out in more ways than we could imagine. We cannot forget all the members of Fire Station 64 who were great. We can see why Harry loved his job so much. He worked with so many wonderful people.

Harry Correll was a husband, father, friend and grandfather who truly loved his family and job. During the end of his illness, our mother said the happiest time she had seen in a long time was when some of the firefighters drove up his old engine with the Fire Station 64 sign. He always used to point at it and say when they tear down the station to build the new one, that sign up there was going to be his. Many people have commented on how rare it was that something like that would be done for him. There were firefighters who called and came to visit him throughout his illness. The Tuesday after he received the sign, he was visited by two firefighters who helped Harry's son hang the sign on the wall where he could look at it from his hospital bed, it brought a smile to him. On the last day of his life, he was visited by four firefighters and even though he was in and out all day, he recognized who was there to see and knew their names and was very happy to see them. He even asked if we offered them something to drink, we told the firefighters when they came he was going down hill fast as he would ask for food and then not swallow or fall asleep. We had no idea this would be his last full day. These visits and calls meant a great deal to him as well as our family. They truly lifted his spirits.

The funeral was something that was truly amazing. Placing the coffin on the engine and driving it to the cemetery was an experience our family will never forget. Having learned the flag hung at half-mast for a week after he died was a great tribute to a husband, father and grandfather. Giving the flag to our family is something we will cherish and never forget.

It was amazing to hear members of the LAFD tell how they were taught to drive an engine by Harry Correll. Our family had no idea the amount of lives he had influenced. Because of his influence, they were dedicating the rigs at Fire Station 64 to him.

To see "In Memory of Harry Correll" on the engine gave my family chills. The members of the LAFD are such great people and they have told us that we will always be a part of their family. To have such a great group of people working for the LAFD who came to visit and helped out our family was a wonderful experience.

Our family truly would like to thank all the firefighters of the LAFD for going above and beyond the call of duty for a fellow firefighter. The family of Harry R. Correll deeply appreciates the LAFD's kind expressions of sympathy in their great loss. All the thoughts and efforts were greatly appreciated. Our family finds healing in knowing others remember and cared about Harry. Thank you to all of you for keeping us in your thoughts and prayers. We really do appreciate that everyone took the time to show how much they cared for Harry. Please let us know if there is any we can do for you. We can never thank you and the department enough for all the support.

Sincerely,
The Correll Family



Dear Chief Barry:

I would like to share my impressions with you regarding a recent trip to Fire Station 62 under the leadership of Captain Frank Semenza. The members of Station 62 were gracious to host me and my sons at one of their dinners. The opportunity to discuss their operations was an experience that was truly memorable.

Captain Semenza and firefighters of Station 62 are highly talented individuals and I am very appreciative of their dedication and selfless service to our city. They are excellent representatives of the Los Angeles Fire Department.

Sincerely,
Anthony Pacheco, President
Los Angeles Board of Police Commissioners



INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

LETTERS OF APPRECIATION

Dear Chief Barry:

My name is Ruth Kahn, recently our aunt was at a show and she passed out. The fire department was called out and they did as much for her as if we were in a hospital. They were wonderful, not missing one thing in checking her heart, blood pressure, etc. I want to let you know how relieved to know that Firefighters Garret Grant and Sean Saunders from Fire Station 52 did more than any hospital could have done. We thank both of them. They watched and cared for her and my family is most appreciative. Thank them for us. They are the best firefighters we have seen I a long time.

Sincerely,
Ruth Kahn



Dear Chief Barry:

I am writing to commend the actions of two of you Engine Co. crews that were recently deployed to the slide fire in Running Springs. The professionalism and compassion that was displayed by your personnel was exceptional.

My home in Running Springs was totally destroyed in the first days of the Slide Fire. Fortunately, my family was able to leave

with the kids and pets, but not much else. Needless to say, the loss was devastating. A couple of days later, after the main fire had died down, I was able to get back to Running Springs to survey the damage with my children. I began to dig through the rubble of my home searching for anything that I could salvage for my family. While I was doing this, some engine company crews came by and offered to help. I initially resisted the offer, but I soon relented. The crews of LA City Engine 15 and Engine 2 worked for several hours to carefully search through the debris of my home. They carefully sifted through the rubble as well as provided a hose line to cool the debris which was still very hot. They were so helpful and compassionate that it was overwhelming. We were able to recover a few dishes and small items of no value except for my family. I don't have the names of the crewmembers, but I want to thank your agency for the help they provided for my family and myself. This reinforces the fact that the fire service is a close-knit family.

Sincerely,
Ray Willemse
Ontario Fire Department



WEEKLY UPDATE

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.

March 2008 **16** Assign Hires- 1 CI, 10 Eng., 4 FFs & 1 PM
 16 on weekends, 13 on Easter Sunday
 72 members worked out of rank
 3 Captain II
 7 Captain I
 4 Inspectors
 16 Engineers
 42 Apparatus Operators

April 2008 **2** Assign Hires- 2 Firefighters & no Paramedics
 2 on weekends
 42 members worked out of rank
 2 Captain II
 4 Captain I
 3 Inspectors
 14 Engineers
 19 Apparatus Operators

May 2008 **24** Assign Hires- 1 Firefighter & 23 Paramedics
 24 on weekends, 6 on Mothers's Day
 70 members worked out of rank
 0 Captain II
 4 Captain I
 13 Inspectors
 26 Engineers
 27 Apparatus Operators

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 on 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.



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