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## WEEKLY

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## BULLETIN

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200 N. MAIN STREET

DOUGLAS L. BARRY  
Fire Chief

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### RETIREMENTS

- Name:** ONISHI, Terry, Engineer  
Fire Station 48 "B" Platoon
- Food & Price:** Bar-B-Q, tri-tip and chicken, salad and soda provided at no cost, BYOB
- Place:** Double Tree Hotel, San Pedro  
2800 Via Cabrillo Marina  
San Pedro Ca, 90731
- Reservations:** Fire Station 16 (213) 485-6216 or  
Jim Wolfe (909) 797-6478
- 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
- ALL ARE WELCOME**  
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- 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  
**ALL ARE WELCOME**  
**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
- 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
- "ALL ARE WELCOME"**  
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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
- ALL ARE WELCOME**  
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## ANNOUNCEMENTS (Continued)

### RETIREMENTS

Name: **DE LA VARA**, Gilbert, Fire Inspector I  
FPB - Central Industrial Unit

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

Date & Time: **Friday, August 15, 2008** (B Shift on Duty)  
Lunch 11:30 a.m.  
**RSVP by August 1, 2008**

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

Reservations: Mina Paredes (213) 978-3638 or  
Central Industrial Unit (213) 978-3630

### INFORMATION

#### LETTERS OF APPRECIATION

Dear Chief Barry:

On October 10th paramedics from the Los Angeles fire Department station 64 responded to a medical assistance call at 215 E. 108<sup>th</sup> Street. My brother, Robert, was transported to the hospital with the paramedics to Kaiser Hospital in Bellflower. The purpose of my letter is to inform you that the firefighters were consummate professionals who could not have provided.

I would like to express my thanks and to sing praises to all who admirably serve the citizens of Los Angeles.

Sincerely,  
Walter Moore



Dear Chief Barry:

Last Saturday night I lost a neighbor and a friend, Tim Monroe, to a sudden heart attack at the early age of 45 years. Engine and Rescue 12 responded to the 911 call. One of them knocked on my door and asked me to sit with Tim's widow, Monika after Tim had died.

I was there with her as she was confronting her new life and saying good-bye to her husband. I am writing to tell you they were all exemplary in making a difficult situation as easy as possible. They were very quiet and calm while dealing with Monika's grief. They demonstrated empathy and respect for her. Please thank them for me and on behalf of Monika Monroe.

Sincerely,  
Erik Olson



Dear Chief Barry:

Thank you for helping save the life of my 84 year old mother. Two days before her birthday she vomited large amounts of blood. The 911 dispatcher calmly and clearly explained how to help my mom until the fire department arrived. The men who came were quick and professional in helping us. Because of your help she celebrated her 84<sup>th</sup> birthday and her and my 90-year-old dad will celebrate their 61<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary this December. Thank you for all the timeless service you give in caring for the people of this city, you did an excellent job.

Sincerely,  
Gay and Donan Stringer, and my parents John and Lydia Bonar



Dear Chief Barry:

I wanted to thank the personnel from fire station 69, especially the paramedics for the professional and courteous manner. They handled the auto accident I was involved in on Sunday June 17<sup>th</sup> on Pacific Coast highway. They are a credit for Los Angeles.

Sincerely,  
John Cleveland



## INFORMATION (Continued)

### LETTERS OF APPRECIATION

Dear Chief Barry:

As you know, on December 9, 2007, the Port of Los Angeles celebrated its Centennial with a Birthday Party for the community and the maritime industry. The event culminated a yearlong celebration and featured a special effects light show and a spectacular fireworks display, which were witnessed by and estimated 5,000 local residents and visitors.

We are grateful to the Los Angeles Fire Department for participation in the show with five fireboats. Their water displays are always a hit with viewers and Sunday night was no exception. For the first time, we were pleased to be able to showcase them in a nighttime light show, under the direction of Assistant Chief Lou Roupoli and Captain Keith Massey of Fire Station 112.

We are also grateful for the support and cooperation of Inspector John Williams whose help in ensuring the safety of our set-up was of particular assistance in Sunday's event when an untried venue was used for the Centennial Celebration.

Sincerely  
Geraldine Knatz, Executive Director  
Port of Los Angeles



Dear Chief Barry:

This letter is to acknowledge Firefighter Ray Hamel. On Tuesday, November 20th, I was delivering two palettes of water (140 cases) when my 5-ton rental truck broke down in the middle of a busy street. Firefighter Hamel stopped to help me. From the moment he stepped out of his vehicle, he took over the situation. He was like some kind of angel, calmly making phone calls to get people there to help me. After making sure it was safe to do so, firefighter Hamel and another gentleman unloaded the bottled water into their trucks and delivered the water for me. They made three trips to deliver the donated water to two area schools and the sponsor of the bottled water

Firefighter Hamel is a wonderful example of a civil servant and human being. The LAFD, his family and society as a whole are really blessed to have this incredible person. Thank you Ray for saving my business and me.

Eternally grateful,  
Angela Means  
"The Water Girl"



Dear Chief Barry:

This letter is to thank one of your wonderful 911 operator, Bill Ducat. In the early morning of November 7th my husband suffered a seizure. My husband has currently been employed with the LAPD for 12 plus years. The seizure was so violent that my husband dislocated his shoulder in the process. Mr. Ducat helped me during this painful and heart-wrenching experience. I joke that my call will soon be on "Phone Calls Gone Bad" because I was quite hysterical and out of control, but the fact of the matter is that Mr. Ducat helped me through one of the worst experiences of my life in which I am truly thankful that I have a happy ending to.

Please give Mr. Ducat my sincere thanks for all he and the other emergency personal do. It is truly not taken for granted.

Sincerely,  
Debra Lewis



Dear Chief Barry:

On October 8 and again on November 12 we had to call 911 for emergency care. In both cases we were cared for by Platoon A Engine 62 under the command of Captain Semenza. We have only the highest regard for the professionalism, care and expediency that each member of the crew exhibited. In short, these folks are just great and deserve the highest accolades for their service fore which we are most grateful. We feel it is important that this information be communicated to you and we are hopeful that you or your office will convey this message and a "Job Well Done" to Engine 62 A Platoon. In addition the 911 dispatcher was most helpful and stayed with us until the paramedics arrived. We are most appreciative for the dispatchers' help and effectiveness in dealing with our needs.

Sincerely,  
Jerry and Evon Gotlieb



Dear Chief Barry:

I wanted to let you know how proud I am of both you and the Los Angeles Fire Department personnel. I would like to thank you for your constant support of Team SAFE-T and our goal to educate children, schools, and families about the duty and responsibility of fire safety and preparedness in the city o Los Angeles. Through hard work and exceptional partners like you, I believe we are creating the template that will generate the first generation of adults that understand the meaning and responsibility of being fire safe.

We salute the firefighters who assist in that effort.

Sincerely,  
Hillary Medelsohn



Dear Chief Barry:

To all the Los Angeles Firemen. I was born and raised in Santa Clarita and currently live in Dallas, Texas. I see the news and once again it is the LAFD saving homes and lives, lives of people and animals. When I see the recent wild land fires and see the great personnel of the Los Angeles Fire Department doing what they do best, I want to say thank you to all of you. May God keep each of you safe and the angels above stand at your side every time you are called to duty.

Sincerely,  
Sherri Schwartz



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# WEEKLY UPDATE

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## EMS PLAN UPDATE

Effective July 1, 2008, all four Variable-Staffed BLS Rescue Ambulances will once again be staffed with overtime personnel on a daily basis.

Variable-Staffed BLS RA 806, RA 841 and RA 891 will be staffed for 12 hours each day. Variable-Staffed BLS RA 857 continues to be staffed for 24 hours each day.

Effective July 6, 2008, new BLS Rescue Ambulance 867 will be placed into service at Fire Station 67 in Playa Vista. BLS Rescue 867 will be staffed fulltime with regularly assigned personnel. Paramedic Assessment Engine 67, which went into service when the fire station opened in October 2007, is now fully funded in the budget and continues to be staffed.

Back on April 27, 2008, 15 BLS fire companies were upgraded to Paramedic Assessment status at 15 fire stations in Battalions 3, 13, 14 and 18. This increase in paramedic resources, along with the ability of Firefighter-Paramedics to rotate between the Paramedic Ambulances and the Assessment fire companies, is being evaluated for its impact on response times, resource workload, and meeting the desired objectives.

Effective July 8, 2008, the LAFD will have 106 fire stations and these resources:

- 130 Ambulances – 89 Paramedic and 41 BLS
- 101 Engine Companies – 40 Paramedic and 61 BLS
- 49 Light Forces – 21 Paramedic and 28 BLS
- 5 Fireboats – 1 Paramedic and 4 BLS
- 5 Helicopters – 1 Paramedic Air Ambulance
- 86 Fire Stations have a Paramedic Ambulance
- 61 Fire Stations have a Paramedic Fire Company
- 49 Fire Stations provide rotation for the Firefighter-Paramedics
- 46 Fire Stations have two Paramedic resources
- 24 Fire Stations have two Rescue Ambulances

There are no funds in the budget to implement any more resources during 2008-2009.



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