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DOUGLAS L. BARRY
Fire Chief

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

RETIREMENTS

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

ALL ARE WELCOME



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"



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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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 includes tax, tip & gift

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



Name: HOWE, Rich, Engineer
F.S. 93 "A"

Place: Sagebrush Cantina
23527 Calabasas Road, Calabasas

Date & Time: Wednesday, September 10, 2008
("C" Shift on duty)
Social Hour: 6pm - Dinner: 7pm

Food & Price: Tex-Mex Barbecue Chicken - Rib Buffet
\$45 Includes tax, tip & gift

Reservations: Fire Station 93 (818) 756-8693
Grapevine (818) 342-1645

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WEEKLY UPDATE

2008-2009 PARAMEDIC TRAINING CLASSES

On January 3, 2008, **14 Firefighters** began paramedic training at the UCLA-Daniel Freeman Paramedic School in Inglewood. Their clinical training began in April, and their field internship began in June. These Firefighters should become licensed paramedics by September 2008.

On May 1, 2008, **16 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 in August, and their field internship will begin in October. These Firefighters should become licensed paramedics by January 2009.

There are **15 openings** for LAFD Firefighters to attend paramedic training starting in **September 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 September 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 May 2009.

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Firefighters are encouraged to begin considering a convenient time in the near future to attend Paramedic School. There are over 50 vacant Paramedic positions at fire stations all over the City needing to be filled. Additional Firefighter-Paramedic rotational positions will be requested in future budgets.

QUARTERLY DEPARTMENT STATISTICS

During the months of January, February and March of 2008:

The 20 most frequently dispatched EMS Categories were:

1.	"6"	Breathing Problems	122 incidents per day
2.	"29"	Traffic Accidents	91 incidents per day
3.	"26"	Sick Person	72 incidents per day
4.	"17"	Falls	70 incidents per day
5.	"32"	Unknown Problem	67 incidents per day
6.	"31"	Unconscious / Fainting	66 incidents per day
7.	"10"	Chest Pain	64 incidents per day
8.	"12"	Convulsions / Seizures	40 incidents per day
9.	"4"	Assault	40 incidents per day
10.	"30"	Traumatic Injuries	26 incidents per day
11.	"1"	Abdominal Pain	25 incidents per day
12.	"13"	Diabetic Problems	25 incidents per day
13.	"21"	Hemorrhage / Lacerations	24 incidents per day
14.	"23"	Overdose / Poisoning	20 incidents per day
15.	"9"	Cardiac Arrest / Death	18 incidents per day
16.	"28"	Stroke (CVA)	14 incidents per day
17.	"19"	Heart Problems	12 incidents per day
18.	"27"	Stabbing / Gunshot	10 incidents per day
19.	"24"	Pregnancy / Childbirth	9 incidents per day
20.	"25"	Psychiatric / Suicide Attempt	8 incidents per day

INFORMATION
LETTERS OF APPRECIATION

Dear Chief Barry:

On February 5, 2008, I had a medical emergency and my husband called 911. Rescue 43 arrived within five minutes of receiving the call. They were efficient, courteous and pleasant in doing the medical tests and taking me to the hospital. My husband and I were very pleased with their performance and they eased what for us, was a scary situation. George Hall and the rest of the crew were commendable.

Sincerely,
Cynthia Mercer



Dear Chief Barry:

This is to acknowledge Firefighter Susan Jensen for her Community Emergency Rescue Training (CERT) Program, which began on January 4, 2008 at Mother of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Los Angeles.

The breadth and scope of her experience and response during disaster situations was evident as she captivated the full attention of all class participants and enhanced our learning. What is most important is that through her encouragement and guidance, we felt the resolve to be prepared to protect our families and be ready to assist our neighbors.

Firefighter Jensen is articulate, strong, compassionate, approachable, and a role model. She is an outstanding representative of the Los Angeles Fire Department and the City of Los Angeles.

Please extend our deepest appreciation to Firefighter Susan Jensen.

Sincerely
Suzanne Mingleton, Volunteer
Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Council of L.A.
Chair, Emergency Preparedness Committee



Dear Chief Barry:

On Wednesday, February 20, 2008, at approximately 2:00 p.m., I was involved in a hit-and-run automobile accident at the intersection of North Glendale Boulevard and Clifford Street in Los Angeles.

As I waited for LAPD, I began to experience some pressure and pain in my chest. When I made a second phone call to the LAPD and mentioned my symptoms, I was asked if I wanted them to have an ambulance dispatched. Reluctantly, I agreed because I didn't want to second-guess what was going on with me.

Within minutes of the call, your emergency staff arrived! The two paramedics on Rescue Ambulance 20 were stellar! They were professional, gentle, and patient! It was decided that I would go to Glendale Adventist Emergency room. Thankfully, following examination and treatment, I was discharged with no restrictions and I am happy to report that I have no reoccurrences of symptoms.

Having said all the above, I wanted to let you know how impressed I was with your staff and hope you will share my kudos with them. Thanks to all of the men and women who are there for us in our time of need.

Sincerely,
Pamela V. Smith



Dear Chief Barry:

As a society, we are incessantly battered with visions of corrupt and inept public employees by the media. Enough of this and even the least jaded individuals begin to believe the rhetoric. Seldom do we have an opportunity to experience the opposite side hat story, but today I did.

My client and I visited Fire inspector Kathleen Santa Maria at the Van Nuys public counter this morning. I will forgo the reason for our visit, since it was incidental to this letter of compliment. Inspector Santa Maria received us at 11:20. She advised us we were number seven in line, she was scheduled to break for lunch at 11:30 and that we might have a long wait. We thanked her and made the decision to wait.

Over the next hour and forty-five minutes, we waited to consult with her and had the opportunity to witness an exceptionally accommodating, confident, cordial and erudite public employee. We observed Inspector Santa Maria handle up to three different customers simultaneously without missing a step. She intermittently acknowledged customers that had arrived prior to us returning with tasks completed, to ensure their needs were fulfilled. Upon calling us, we posed our question and with us in tow she consulted with not less than four different employees at various public counters and the structural plan check area until our issue was resolved. We departed at 13:30, at which time she was able to take a lunch break.

Customer service delivered by Inspector Santa Maria is rare in the private sector, much less the public sector today. On behalf of my client and myself, I would like to commend Inspector Santa Maria for her outstanding service to the community. Her superior public relations skills are an asset to the community and reflect favorably on the department as an organization.

Please convey our appreciation to Inspector Santa Maria.

Very truly yours,
J. Bruce Anderson
Structural Engineer



Dear Chief Barry:

I wanted to tell you how courteous and caring the men at Fire Station 109 were. During the recent rainstorms, they were kind enough to fill sandbags for me and placed them against my living room windows. I shall never forget the kindness of Captain Dakin, Engineer O'Connell, Firefighter/Paramedic Deloscabos, and Firefighter Wan. Thanks again to all of you

Sincerely,
Rose Green



INFORMATION (Continued)

LETTERS OF APPRECIATION

Dear Chief Barry:

This letter is to let you know that Arson Investigator Rick Chew and Special Agent Khemradhipati have done a very good job in our residential care facility. On January 29, 2008, we had a small fire in one of our client's room, which was deliberately set by one of our residents at Sun Garden Manor. The investigators did their very best to put the perpetrator behind bars. The residents and staff are very grateful to these two gentlemen. Peace and tranquility have been restored in this facility since the apprehension of the culprit.

On behalf of the staff and residents of Sun Garden Manor, I would like to commend the unfathomable dedication of these men.

Thank you very much.

Respectfully yours
Herbel Salangsang
SGM Administrator



Dear Chief Barry:

Thank you for your participation at the 63rd Regional Readiness Command West Point Leadership Program. Our soldiers were very enthusiastic about the class. I sincerely appreciate your contribution towards developing leaders that will improve our units' ability to fight and win on the battlefield.

Again, thank you for a job well done.

Sincerely
Paul Mock
Major General, USAR
Commanding General



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