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DOUGLAS L. BARRY
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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

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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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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

PARAMEDIC PERSONNEL AND ASSIGNMENTS

As of July 6, 2008, there are **747** authorized paramedic positions in the Bureau of Emergency Services. There are currently **690** Firefighter-Paramedics assigned to these paramedic positions. There are only **57** Firefighter-Paramedic vacancies.

There are an additional **62** Firefighter-Paramedics assigned to Special Duty, OCD, or Accounting.

There are also **47** Probationary Firefighter-Paramedics assigned to non-paramedic positions at fire stations. There are **25** Recruit Firefighters with paramedic licenses at the drill tower. All of these members will need to successfully complete their one-year probation before being assigned to paramedic positions.

Currently, there are **39** Firefighters being trained as paramedics. They are in various stages of the training program at the UCLA-Daniel Freeman Paramedic School.

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 January, February and March of 2008:

The fire station districts with the most Advanced Life Support (ALS) incidents were:

1.	Fire Station 64	19 ALS incidents per day
2.	Fire Station 66	18 ALS incidents per day
3.	Fire Station 9	17 ALS incidents per day
4.	Fire Station 57	16 ALS incidents per day
5.	Fire Station 46	14 ALS incidents per day
6.	Fire Station 33	12 ALS incidents per day
7.	Fire Station 39	11 ALS incidents per day
8.	Fire Station 94	11 ALS incidents per day
9.	Fire Station 11	11 ALS incidents per day
10.	Fire Station 89	10 ALS incidents per day
11.	Fire Station 65	10 ALS incidents per day
12.	Fire Station 26	10 ALS incidents per day

13.	Fire Station 61	9 ALS incidents per day
14.	Fire Station 98	9 ALS incidents per day
15.	Fire Station 60	9 ALS incidents per day
16.	Fire Station 91	9 ALS incidents per day
17.	Fire Station 68	8 ALS incidents per day
18.	Fire Station 58	8 ALS incidents per day
19.	Fire Station 34	8 ALS incidents per day
20.	Fire Station 27	8 ALS incidents per day
21.	Fire Station 7	8 ALS incidents per day
22.	Fire Station 35	7 ALS incidents per day
23.	Fire Station 15	7 ALS incidents per day
24.	Fire Station 4	7 ALS incidents per day
25.	Fire Station 37	7 ALS incidents per day

The fire station districts with the most Basic Life Support (BLS) incidents were:

1.	Fire Station 9	11 BLS incidents per day
2.	Fire Station 64	9 BLS incidents per day
3.	Fire Station 66	8 BLS incidents per day
4.	Fire Station 57	8 BLS incidents per day
5.	Fire Station 46	8 BLS incidents per day
6.	Fire Station 27	6 BLS incidents per day
7.	Fire Station 11	6 BLS incidents per day
8.	Fire Station 33	6 BLS incidents per day
9.	Fire Station 89	6 BLS incidents per day
10.	Fire Station 39	6 BLS incidents per day
11.	Fire Station 94	5 BLS incidents per day
12.	Fire Station 61	5 BLS incidents per day
13.	Fire Station 26	5 BLS incidents per day
14.	Fire Station 68	5 BLS incidents per day
15.	Fire Station 60	5 BLS incidents per day
16.	Fire Station 13	5 BLS incidents per day
17.	Fire Station 6	5 BLS incidents per day
18.	Fire Station 58	5 BLS incidents per day
19.	Fire Station 29	5 BLS incidents per day
20.	Fire Station 65	4 BLS incidents per day
21.	Fire Station 37	4 BLS incidents per day
22.	Fire Station 34	4 BLS incidents per day
23.	Fire Station 98	4 BLS incidents per day
24.	Fire Station 15	4 BLS incidents per day
25.	Fire Station 3	4 BLS incidents per day

INFORMATION
LETTERS OF APPRECIATION

Dear Chief Barry:

I am writing to express my gratitude for the exemplary service provided by Captain Steinman, Engineer Swailes, Firefighters Laws and Le who are assigned to Engine Company 13.

On March 4, 2008, a DWP employee was injured by a passing vehicle while performing his duties on Berendo St in Los Angeles. Our initial report to LAPD stated that a DWP employee had been the victim of a hit-and-run but his injuries appeared minor. Engine Company 13 responded, went through the steps to confirm his vital statistics, and transported him to the hospital for x-rays, despite the fact that the employee felt it was unnecessary.

The employees of your department were very professional and supportive during our interaction with them. I am thankful to have the services of the fine men and women of your department available. Even though the injuries were minor, they treated our employee with the utmost respect and were genuinely concerned with his well-being. I would like to thank them for their service and know that I can count on them when needed.

Sincerely
Timothy Spinn
Metro Field Service Supervisor
Department of Water & Power



Dear Chief Barry:

On Saturday, March 22, 2008 at approximately 1700 hours, I responded to a traffic collision at the intersection of Stocker just east of La Brea Avenue. Upon my arrival, I observed a vehicle that had overturned. At the scene was off-duty Los Angeles City Firefighter Tyrone Davis from Fire Station 94. Firefighter Davis, upon seeing the accident, stopped his vehicle to assist the victims of the accident. With total disregard for his own safety, Firefighter Davis extracted two victims, one female adult and a toddler, from the smoldering vehicle and pulled them to safety.

I wish to commend and thank Firefighter Davis for his bravery and quick actions that undoubtedly saved the lives of the victims of this horrific accident. Firefighter Davis exemplified the highest standard of excellence to preserve life and property, promote public safety as an all-risk life safety response provider.

Very truly yours
James Craig, Captain
Commanding Officer
Southwest Area Police Station



Dear Chief Barry:

On the evening of February 14, 2008 my husband collapsed. My son, a rookie with the LAFD, was there. While I called 911, he

began CPR. Paramedics from Fire Station 78 responded quickly, however my husband did not survive the event.

The purpose of this letter is to express my gratitude for the compassion and professionalism of the Paramedics from Fire Station 78. I would also like to extend my appreciation to the members of the Los Angeles Fire Department who visited me the next day. I'd like to thank Captain Houston Herman, Captain Kevin R. Nida of Fire Station 78, and one of the paramedics from the night before. I would further like to thank Battalion Chief Al Abarca Jr. I regret that I did not note the names of all the firefighters who came to my husband aid.

The care and compassion provided is a credited to entire Los Angeles Fire Department.

Very truly yours,
Judy Begg



Dear Chief Barry:

On July 13, 2007, a vehicle was set on fire in front of 321 Osgood in the City of Long Beach. The fire was determined to be arson. The investigation quickly revealed that an ex-girlfriend of the victim was most likely involved in setting the fire.

I requested the assistance of Los Angeles Fire Department Arson Investigator John Little because the suspect was going to be arrested at her home in South Los Angeles. Investigator Little and I met at Fire Station 64 to discuss our strategy on how to arrest the suspect. He also coordinated with the Los Angeles Police Department via radio for assistance with the arrest. The suspect was located near her residence where she was arrested. Suspect initially denied setting the fire but later plead guilty to the crime of arson on August 15, 2007

The success of this case was due to the assistance of Investigator Little. He acted in a professional manner and demonstrated his knowledge of the area and officer safety when we contacted and arrested the suspect.

I would like to commend Investigator Little for a job well done and I look forward to working with him and the Los Angeles Fire Department Arson Unit in the future.

Respectfully
Patrick Wills, Captain/Investigator
Long Beach Fire Department Arson Unit



INFORMATION (Continued)

LETTERS OF APPRECIATION

Dear Chief Barry:

We would like to thank you for providing your Air Operations resources to assist with the inaugural landing of an Air Squad at the new Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center on Thursday, April 3, 2008. This helicopter landing assisted us in testing our new patient care mission of accepting trauma victims for the community. It was truly an honor to have one of our closest Emergency Medical Services partners have the first airship land on this helispot.

Your crew from Helicopter 1 "C" Platoon, including Paramedics Joseph St. George and Gregory Sanderson, Pilot Phillip Clark, and Captain Mattera created a perfect landing and provided us with valuable feedback to positively affect our operation. Battalion chief Graham Everett and EMS Captain Bob Linell assisted with the coordination of the mission by participating in person. Battalion Chief Timothy Ernst from the Bureau of Emergency Services, Battalion Chief Randy Beaty from Battalion 9 "A" Platoon and Paramedic Jim Goldsworthy from Air Operations were integral in the preparation of this mission.

We believe that this is just another example of our ability to collaborate in the delivery of world-class patient care to the citizens of Los Angeles and we look forward to future opportunities to do the same. Please express our deepest

gratitude to the men and women of the City of Los Angeles Fire Department.

Sincerely
David Feinberg



Dear Chief Barry:

On behalf of all the "Prime Timers" (over 50) who meet every Wednesday at First Lutheran Church of Northridge, we would like to express our sincere appreciation for the presentation on Emergency Preparedness given by Firefighter Jason Johnson of the Los Angeles Fire Department Disaster Preparedness Unit on April 2, 2008.

It was a presentation that we all needed to hear and we were given a lot of information to equip us in preparing for an emergency, especially Earthquakes. It was indeed our pleasure to have him speak to us. Thank you so much for this service and for all you do to protect us.

Sincerely,
Betty Hadden



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