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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

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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

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Name: HILZER, Paul, Apparatus Operator
Fire Station 85, "C" Platoon

Place: The Ports O' Call Restaurant
1050 Nagoya Way, Berth 76
San Pedro, California

Date & Time: Thursday, August 21, 2008 ("A" Shift on Duty)
Social Hour - 6:00 p.m. Dinner - 7:00 p.m.
RSVP by August 11, 2008

Food & Price: Dinner Buffet
\$50.00 includes tax, tip & gift

Reservations: Fire Station 85 (310) 539-0969
e-mail: hilzersretirement@hotmail.com

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Name: ANGULO, Al, Captain I
Fire Station 49 "A" Platoon

Place: Fire Station 49
400 Yacht St
Wilmington, CA 90744

Date & Time: Saturday, August 30, 2008 ("A" Shift on Duty)
Social Hour 2 p.m. - Dinner 5 p.m.
RSVP BY AUGUST 21, 2008

Food & Price: BBQ-Beef OR Chicken (Tell us if you want chicken)
\$45.00 includes tax, tip and gift

Reservations: Fire Station 49 (310) 548-7549

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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

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.

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 Mother's Day

70 members worked out of rank

0 Captain II

4 Captain I

13 Inspectors

26 Engineers

27 Apparatus Operators

June 2008 **19** Assign Hires- 4 Engineers, no Firefighters &
15 Paramedics

19 on weekends, 16 on Father's Day

74 members worked out of rank

3 Captain II

6 Captain I

8 Inspectors

19 Engineers

38 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.

QUARTERLY DEPARTMENT STATISTICS

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

The fire station districts with the most Fire and non-medical incidents were:

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|-----|--------------|----|---|------------------------|
| 1. | Fire Station | 9 | 5 | Fire incidents per day |
| 2. | Fire Station | 11 | 4 | Fire incidents per day |
| 3. | Fire Station | 64 | 4 | Fire incidents per day |
| 4. | Fire Station | 37 | 4 | Fire incidents per day |
| 5. | Fire Station | 3 | 4 | Fire incidents per day |
| 6. | Fire Station | 61 | 4 | Fire incidents per day |
| 7. | Fire Station | 27 | 3 | Fire incidents per day |
| 8. | Fire Station | 10 | 3 | Fire incidents per day |
| 9. | Fire Station | 41 | 3 | Fire incidents per day |
| 10. | Fire Station | 89 | 3 | Fire incidents per day |
| 11. | Fire Station | 66 | 3 | Fire incidents per day |

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| 12. | Fire Station | 57 | 3 | Fire incidents per day |
| 13. | Fire Station | 58 | 3 | Fire incidents per day |
| 14. | Fire Station | 88 | 3 | Fire incidents per day |
| 15. | Fire Station | 29 | 3 | Fire incidents per day |
| 16. | Fire Station | 13 | 3 | Fire incidents per day |
| 17. | Fire Station | 51 | 2 | Fire incidents per day |
| 18. | Fire Station | 19 | 2 | Fire incidents per day |
| 19. | Fire Station | 35 | 2 | Fire incidents per day |
| 20. | Fire Station | 67 | 2 | Fire incidents per day |
| 21. | Fire Station | 33 | 2 | Fire incidents per day |
| 22. | Fire Station | 39 | 2 | Fire incidents per day |
| 23. | Fire Station | 46 | 2 | Fire incidents per day |
| 24. | Fire Station | 60 | 2 | Fire incidents per day |
| 25. | Fire Station | 68 | 2 | Fire incidents per day |

These incidents included all fires, fire alarms, hazards, rescues, and all other non-medical type incidents.

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

The 30 most frequently dispatched fire-related (non-medical) incidents were:

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| 1. | AA | Automatic Alarm | 52 | incidents per day |
| 2. | RF | Rubbish fire | 11 | incidents per day |
| 3. | ENG | Engine response-unknown | 11 | incidents per day |
| 4. | AUTO | Automobile fire | 11 | incidents per day |
| 5. | SF | Structure fire | 11 | incidents per day |
| 6. | SD | Smoke detector alarm | 6 | incidents per day |
| 7. | RS | Reported smoke | 6 | incidents per day |
| 8. | ELEV | Elevator rescue | 5 | incidents per day |
| 9. | INVESTM | Investigation-Medical | 5 | incidents per day |
| 10. | FLOOD | Flooding investigation | 5 | incidents per day |
| 11. | LOCKOUT | Lockout problem | 4 | incidents per day |
| 12. | BELLS | Bells ringing fire alarm | 4 | incidents per day |
| 13. | LNG | Natural gas leak | 4 | incidents per day |
| 14. | INVESTA | Investigation-Arson | 4 | incidents per day |
| 15. | WFLOW | Water flow fire alarm | 4 | incidents per day |
| 16. | WIRE | Wire down | 4 | incidents per day |
| 17. | E | Electrical failure | 3 | incidents per day |
| 18. | FO | Fire reported out | 2 | incidents per day |
| 19. | HYDRANT | Hydrant knocked over | 2 | incidents per day |
| 20. | ILLEGAL | Illegal burning | 2 | incidents per day |
| 21. | WASH | Washdown-gasoline leak | 2 | incidents per day |
| 22. | TREE | Tree fire | 1 | incident per day |
| 23. | CHEM | Chemical problem | 1 | incident per day |
| 24. | INVEST | Investigation-FD accident | 1 | incident per day |
| 25. | TRK | Truck response-unknown | 1 | incident per day |
| 26. | TSI | Tank Ship Inspection | 1 | incident per day |
| 27. | XFMR | Transformer fire | 1 | incident per day |
| 28. | GRASS | Grass fire | 1 | incident per day |
| 29. | VEHIC | Vehicle Extrication | 1 | incident per day |
| 30. | POLE | Pole fire | 1 | incident per day |



INFORMATION

Grand Opening Ceremony

Mayor Antonio R. Villaraigosa
Council Member Herb Wesson
Fire Chief Douglas L. Barry &
Gary Lee Moore, City Engineer



invite you to the Grand Opening and Dedication Ceremony of your

NEW FIRE STATION NO. 43



Saturday, August 16, 2008
10:00 am – 2:00 pm



3690 S. Motor Avenue
Palms, CA 90034

Helicopter Flyover

Jumpers

Music

Face Painters

Refreshments

Fire House Chili

Station Tours

*For more information, please contact the Council District 10 office @ (323) 733-8233 or
e-mail us at LAFDCommunityLiaison@lacity.org*

INFORMATION (Continued)

LETTERS OF APPRECIATION

Dear Chief Barry:

I am writing you to highly commend Captain Jobe Leon of Station #47. For the past two years, Capt. Leon has visited my senior classes at Fairfax High School to present career opportunities with the Los Angeles Fire Department and to discuss students' career planning. His visits have been so valuable and important to the students. He demonstrates an unmatched ability to relate to the students and to reach them in meaningful, relevant ways.

Capt. Leon combines tremendous enthusiasm for his career with LAFD with a realistic view of the required training and expectations of Los Angeles firefighters. He shares interesting stories from his career and clearly outlines what it takes to become a firefighter with LAFD.

But beyond his discussion of the firefighting profession, he provides very important career advice to students and he challenges students to clearly think about their career aspirations. In particular, Capt. Leon emphasizes the concept of accountability, in both professional settings and in all areas of students' lives.

The students always enjoy Capt. Leon's visits. He combines humor with seriousness in ways that always command the students' attention. I cannot say enough about the service that Capt. Leon has done in visiting my and many other classes.

Sincerely,
Michael Stryer



Dear Chief Barry:

On April 7 while visiting my daughter in Westchester, I experienced severe chest pain. A call was made to 911 and the wonderful men of Fire Station 5 came to my aid. My deepest thanks go to Paramedic Jim Westland and Nick Durepo. Captain Jim Coburn. Engineer Ted Mayeda. Firefighter Ceseo Secai and Robert Barna. These men were both efficient and kind. Not only did they give me excellent care, they were most considerate of my family. I was transported to the Tommy Lasorda Cardiac Care Unit. They stayed with me until they were sure I was alright. The fireman of Station 5 is truly my hero. Because of them I am fine and able to write this letter to you. My sincerest thanks to you and the Westchester Fire Department.

Mary Pat McCourt



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