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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: 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: SIMIEN, August Jr. (A.J.), Captain I

Place: Hansen Dam Recreation Area (Gabreieleno Park)
11770 Foothill Blvd
Lake Terrace, CA 91344

Date & Time: Saturday, August 16, 2008 ("C" Shift on duty)
Horseback rides at 10:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.
Bar-B-Q at 1:00 p.m.

Food & Price: Bar-B-Q, steak, chicken, salad, sides, and desert
\$40.00 for Adults, \$20.00 for kids (Free for children 5 and under) Horseback riding: \$20.00 per rider. Horse owners may bring their own horse.

Attire: Western theme, prizes for multiple best-dressed categories

Reservations: Fire Station 41 (213) 485-6241

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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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ANNOUNCEMENTS (Continued)

RETIREMENTS

Name: MATESICH, Stan, Engineer
Fire Station 101, "B" Shift

Place: Ports O' Call Restaurant
Berth 76, Port of Los Angeles
San Pedro, CA 90731

Date & Time: Wednesday, October 1, 2008 ("A" Shift on Duty)
Social Hour: 6:00 p.m. - Dinner: 7:00 p.m.

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

Reservations: Mike Richard, FS 101 "B" (310) 833-7400
(michael.richard@cox.net) or
Wes Shundo, FS 101 "B" (310) 548-7501
RSVP by September 20, 2008

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Name: HOLLOWAY, John ("Sparkie") Captain I
Operations Control Dispatch, "A" Platoon

Place: Knollwood Country Club
12024 Balboa Boulevard
Granada Hills, CA 91344

Date & Time: Friday, October 17, 2008 ("B" Shift on Duty)
Social Hour 6:00 p.m. Dinner 7:00 p.m.
RSVP BY October 3, 2008

Food & Price: Choice of Filet Mignon or Chicken Marsala
\$55.00 includes tax, tip and gift

Reservations: OCD – Natalie Goshi at 213-485-6009



Notice: The Retirement dinner for Captain I Howard Kaplan, Fire Station 91 "A" that was to be in June, has been postponed. New date to be announced.

INFORMATION

LETTERS OF APPRECIATION

Dear Chief Barry,

On April 28, 2008 we were conducting a nature hike as part of a program where all of the fifth graders from Conejo Valley in Ventura County are taken on an educational hike into the Santa Monica Mountains.

This is an annual program sponsored by the state and federal park systems, COSTA and the Ventura Board of Education. Approximately 2500 fifth graders students are taken on hikes over a period of one week.

Mr. Doak Smith, a member of the LAFD was one of twenty-five hike leaders. On this particular hike one of the students went down with heat stroke. Mr. Doak Smith immediately accessed the situation, took charge and administered first aid treatment.

We were in the bottom of a deep canyon. As far as I could see there was no place for a helicopter to land. Mr. Smith used his cell phone and arranged for an ambulance crew to meet him at the head.

The young man was not responding well to immediate treatment and his condition appeared to be deteriorating. Mr. Smith felt that now time was of the essence. He then made a decision that may have saved the boy's life. He physically picked the boy and carried him to the trailhead that was a long ways away a steep uphill climb to where the ambulance crew met them.

I do not know how he accomplished this. The temperature was in the high 90's or higher and the boy, in my estimation, weighed 100 lbs or more. I couldn't have done this myself. What he did was an amazing feat of strength and endurance.

This truly represents the dedication the members of the LADF have in protecting and caring for the citizens everywhere, especially in time of great need, both on and off duty.

If you have any questions please call me at 805 217-3754 cell or 805 498-7229 home.

Thank you
Fred R. Nuesca



Dear Chief Barry,

I'm writing you to tell you my experience with two of your wonderful firemen from station 92, who responded to my 9-1-1 call.

Tuesday night, June 10th I became quite dizzy, very nauseous, started to sweat profusely and was trembling I was sure it was a heart attack. When I called 9-1-1 the person who responded was incredibly calm and calmed me. He assured me the help would be at my condo very shortly, and kept me on the phone till, within 5 minutes help did come.

From Rescue 92, which is quite near where I live, Robert Lefebure and John Davis arrived and immediately set to work to calm me and to take cardiogram. After the explanation they assured me I was probably not having a heart attack and my condition was not life threatening. Their manner was extremely professional, yet compassionate and comforting. Those are rare qualities in many people and I felt blessed that Robert and John were there for me. I was very frightened and both men helped me to relax, and to finally breathe normally.

I feel very grateful for the help that was available to me. You should feel very proud in your fire department that does their job so well.

Thank you and thank them.

Mrs. Selma Wities



WEEKLY UPDATE

RESPONSE TIME GOALS

The Department's Response Time Goal is for the first resource to arrive on scene at all emergencies within 5 minutes, 90% of the time; and for a Paramedic resource to arrive on scene of Life-threatening Advanced Life Support (ALS) medical emergencies within 8 minutes, 90% of the time.

Response times are calculated using all three of these components:

- Dispatch time--time spent by the call-taker and dispatchers to initiate the dispatch
- Turnout time--time from dispatch to the time units are enroute (ENR)
- Driving time--travel time from enroute (ENR) to arrival at the scene (ONS)

During the months of January, February and March of 2008, the Response Time Percentages for these benchmark incidents were as follows:

First resource on scene at Structure Fire incidents – **95 %** within 5 minutes

First resource on scene at Life-threatening EMS incidents – **87 %** within 5 minutes

First paramedic on scene at Life-threatening EMS incidents – **86 %** within 8 minutes

QUARTERLY DEPARTMENT STATISTICS

During the months of January, February and March of 2008, Department resources made 191,475 responses to 93,080 emergency incidents. This was an average of 2,104 responses to 1,023 emergency incidents every day. This was a 2.5% increase in incidents and a 1.4% increase in responses compared to the same three-month period the year before.

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

The 20 busiest Engine companies were:

1.	Engine 64	15.1 responses per day
2.	Engine 209	14.6 responses per day
3.	Engine 9	14.6 responses per day
4.	Engine 57	13.7 responses per day
5.	Engine 66	13.0 responses per day
6.	Engine 46	12.9 responses per day
7.	Engine 13	12.3 responses per day
8.	Engine 65	12.3 responses per day
9.	Engine 39	12.1 responses per day
10.	Engine 15	11.3 responses per day
11.	Engine 7	10.8 responses per day
12.	Engine 33	10.8 responses per day
13.	Engine 11	10.7 responses per day
14.	Engine 58	10.6 responses per day
15.	Engine 52	10.4 responses per day
16.	Engine 82	10.2 responses per day
17.	Engine 6	9.7 responses per day
18.	Engine 91	9.7 responses per day
19.	Engine 37	9.5 responses per day
20.	Engine 21	9.4 responses per day

The ten Engine companies with the most emergency hours worked:

1.	Engine 64	404 emergency hours	4 hrs, 26 min. per shift
2.	Engine 66	354 emergency hours	3 hrs, 53 min. per shift
3.	Engine 46	353 emergency hours	3 hrs, 53 min. per shift
4.	Engine 57	343 emergency hours	3 hrs, 46 min. per shift
5.	Engine 13	342 emergency hours	3 hrs, 45 min. per shift
6.	Engine 7	341 emergency hours	3 hrs, 45 min. per shift
7.	Engine 209	333 emergency hours	3 hrs, 39 min. per shift
8.	Engine 94	332 emergency hours	3 hrs, 39 min. per shift
9.	Engine 39	325 emergency hours	3 hrs, 34 min. per shift
10.	Engine 58	318 emergency hours	3 hrs, 30 min. per shift

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

The 20 busiest Light Forces were:

1.	Light Force 39	9.7 responses per day
2.	Light Force 102	9.3 responses per day
3.	Light Force 64	7.7 responses per day
4.	Light Force 37	7.1 responses per day
5.	Light Force 11	7.1 responses per day
6.	Light Force 66	6.7 responses per day
7.	Truck 9	6.5 responses per day
8.	Light Force 61	6.3 responses per day
9.	Light Force 58	6.1 responses per day
10.	Light Force 27	6.1 responses per day
11.	Light Force 92	6.0 responses per day
12.	Light Force 98	6.0 responses per day
13.	Light Force 73	5.8 responses per day
14.	Light Force 15	5.5 responses per day
15.	Light Force 3	5.4 responses per day
16.	Light Force 29	5.2 responses per day
17.	Light Force 33	5.2 responses per day
18.	Light Force 89	5.1 responses per day
19.	Light Force 88	5.1 responses per day
20.	Light Force 93	4.9 responses per day

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