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## WEEKLY

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## BULLETIN

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DOUGLAS L. BARRY  
Fire Chief

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### RETIREMENTS

**Name:** COMFORT, K. Frank, Captain I  
Hydrants and Access Unit  
Bureau of Fire Prevention and Public Safety

**Place:** Downtown Marriott  
333 South Figueroa St.  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

**Date & Time:** Friday, March 27, 2009 ("C" Shift on Duty)  
Social Hour 6:00 p.m. —Dinner 7:00 p.m.  
Dinner and Dancing: 7:00 pm —1:00 a.m.  
**RSVP and Payment by March 20, 2009**

**Food & Price:** Choice of Chicken or Salmon  
\$65.00 includes tax, tip and gift

**Reservations:** Marylou Najera (213) 482-6538  
Mary Taylor (213) 482-6523  
Vicki Comfort (909) 228-0211  
**ALL ARE WELCOME**

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**Name:** LEE, John A "Min", Firefighter III  
FS 73, "A" Platoon

**Place:** Odyssey Restaurant  
15600 Odyssey Drive  
Granada Hills, CA 91344

**Date & Time:** Tuesday, April 7, 2009  
Social Hour 6:00 p.m. —Dinner 7:00 p.m.

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

**Reservations:** Fire Station 73 (818) 342-3576 or  
Fire Station 106 (818) 347-0543  
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**Name:** FLETCHER, Craig, Captain I  
Fire station 109, "C" Platoon

**Place:** Sagebrush Cantina  
23527 Calabasas Road  
Calabasas, CA

**Date & Time:** Wednesday, April 15, 2009 ("B" shift on duty)  
Social Hour 6:00 p.m. —Dinner 7:00 p.m.

**Food & Price:** Western BBQ Buffet  
\$50.00 includes tax, tip and gift

**Reservations:** Fire station 109 Business (818) 756-8609  
Grapevine (310) 476-8685  
RSVP April 6, 2009  
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**Name:** VILLASENOR, Mark, Firefighter III  
Fire Station 74

**Place:** El Cariso Golf Course  
13100 Eldridge Street  
Sylmar, CA 91342

**Date & Time:** Tuesday, April 28, 2009 ("A" Shift on duty)  
Golf 1 p.m. - Cocktail Hour 5 p.m.

**Food & Price:** Chicken or Tri-tip \$35.00  
Golf \$28.00

**Reservations:** Fire Station 74 (818) 352-4333  
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**Name:** KHITIKIAN, Mark, Captain I  
Fire Station 14 "B" Platoon

**Place:** Taix Restaurant  
1911 W. Sunset Blvd.  
Los Angeles, CA. 90026

**Date & Time:** Thursday, April 30, 2009 ("A" shift on duty)  
Social Hour: 5:00 pm - Dinner: 7:00 pm  
Chicken or Beef  
\$50.00 includes tax, tip and gift  
**RSVP by April 24, 2009**

**Reservations:** Fire Station 14 (213) 485-6214 or  
(323) 231-8804 / (323) 232-9403  
**ALL ARE WELCOME**

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**Name:** WILSON, Tim, Captain/Paramedic  
EMS 17, "C" Platoon

**Place:** Sagebrush Cantina  
23527 Calabasas Rd.  
Calabasas, CA

**Date & Time:** Thursday, April 30, 2009 ("A" Shift on Duty)  
Social Hour: 6:00 pm - Dinner 7:00 pm  
**RSVP BY April 27, 2009**

**Food & Price:** Buffet: Tex-Mex Buffet, includes:  
Enchiladas, Taco Bar, BBQ Brisket, Ribs,  
Chicken and several sides.  
\$ 50.00 includes tax, tip and gift.

**Reservations:** EMS Battalion 17 Office (818) 756-8665  
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**Name:** MOORE, Arthur "Doug", Fire Boat Engineer  
FS 112, "C" Platoon

**Place:** Ports O Call Restaurant  
Berth 76  
San Pedro, CA 90731

**Date & Time:** Tuesday, May 12, 2009 ("B" Shift on duty)  
Social Hour 6:00 p.m. —Dinner 7:00 p.m.

**Food & Price:** Choice of Prime Rib or Roasted Chicken  
\$50.00 includes tax, tip and gift

**Reservations:** Fire Station 112 Grapevine  
(310) 548-9929, (310) 548-9919 or  
Andrea Everett FS 112 "C" Platoon  
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**Name:** **KENYON**, Thomas, Firefighter III  
Fire Station 2 "A"

**Place:** Brookside Country Club  
1130 N. Rosemont Avenue  
Pasadena, CA 91103

**Date & Time:** **Wednesday, May 13, 2009** ("C" Shift on duty)  
Social Hour 6:00 p.m. —Dinner 7:00 p.m.

**Food & Price:** Chicken Beurre Blanc or Beef New York  
\$55.00 includes tax, tip and gift

**Reservations:** Fire Station 2 A (323) 265-9674  
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**RSVP BY April 29, 2009**  
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**Name:** **MARKOTA**, Richard, Battalion Chief  
Battalion 10, "A" Platoon

**Place:** Odyssey Restaurant  
15600 Odyssey Drive  
Granada Hills, CA 91344

**Date & Time:** **Thursday, May 21, 2009**  
Social Hour 6:00 p.m. —Dinner 7:00 p.m.

**Food & Price:** Choice of Sirloin or Salmon  
\$45.00 includes tax, tip and gift

**Reservations:** Fire Station 39- Grapevine (818) 997-9981  
Business (818) 756-8639 or  
Pat Perry (818) 756-8613.  
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**Name:** **HEDBERG**, Barry, Captain II  
Fire Station 49 "B"

**Place:** Ports O' Call Restaurant  
Berth 76  
San Pedro, CA 90731

**Date & Time:** **Friday, May 22 2009** ("C" Shift on Duty)  
Social Hour: 6:00 pm - Dinner 7:00 pm

**Food & Price:** Buffet  
\$50.00 includes tax, tip and gift.

**Reservations:** Fire Station 49 - Grapevine (310) 513-8900  
or (310) 952-9397  
Business (310) 548-7549  
or (310) 548-7544  
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**Name:** **SANDERSON**, Gale (Sandy), Engineer  
Fire Station 93 "A"  
**KOENIG**, Bill Firefighter III  
Fire Station 93 "A"

**Place:** Sagebrush Cantina  
23527 Calabasas Rd.  
Calabasas, CA.

**Date & Time:** **Tuesday, May 26, 2009** ("B" Shift on Duty)  
Social Hour: 6:00 pm - Dinner 7:00 pm  
**RSVP BY April 27, 2009**

**Food & Price:** Tex-Mex Buffet  
\$45.00 includes tax, tip and gift.

**Reservations:** Fire Station 93  
(818) 342-1645  
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**Name:** **WILLIAMS**, Reginald, Captain I  
Operations Control Dispatch  
**ROBERTS**, Delano, Captain I

**Place:** Operations Control Dispatch  
Kyoto Grand Hotel (Formally Otani Hotel)  
120 S. Los Angeles  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

**Date & Time:** **Wednesday, May 27, 2009** ("A" Shift on Duty)  
Social Hour 6:00 p.m. Dinner 7:00 p.m.  
**RSVP BY May 15, 2009**

**Food & Price:** Chicken Pasta or Braised London Broil  
\$60.00 includes tax, tip and gift  
Valet Parking \$12.00/Self Parking \$8.00

**Reservations:** OCD - Natalie Goshi at (213) 485-6009  
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**Name:** **COOPER**, S. Terry, Captain II,  
Fire Station #49  
"A" Platoon, Boat 4 Commander

**Place:** Dave's Garage  
23215 Early Ave  
Torrance, CA 90505

**Date & Time:** **Saturday, May 30, 2009** - ("B" Shift on Duty)  
4:00 p.m.

**Food & Price:** \$50 per person, BBQ

**Reservations:** Contact number:  
(714) 377-7777 leave message  
**RSVP by May 10, 2009 (Limited Seating)**  
**ALL ARE WELCOME**  
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**Name:** **NOWELL**, John L. Battalion Chief,  
Battalion 12, "B"

**Place:** Odyssey Restaurant  
15600 Odyssey Drive  
Granada Hills, CA 91344

**Date & Time:** **Tuesday, June 9, 2009**  
Social Hour 6:00 p.m. - Dinner 7:00 p.m.

**Food & Price:** Buffet - \$45

**Reservations:** Fire Station 98 —(818) 899-6957  
Battalion 12 —(818) 756-8621  
(818) 756-8612  
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## WEEKLY UPDATE

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### 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.

#### Dec. 2008

**59** Assign Hires- 2 CII, 7 CI, 10 Eng, 3 AO, 9 FFs & 28 PMs  
9 on weekends, 20 Christmas Eve, 21 Christmas Day  
**134** members worked out of rank  
1 Captain II  
4 Captain I  
29 Inspectors  
55 Engineers  
45 Apparatus Operators

#### Jan. 2009

**10** Assign Hires- 1 Engineer, 1 Firefighter & 8 Paramedics  
3 on weekends, 6 on New Year's Day  
**52** members worked out of rank  
5 Captain II  
5 Captain I  
8 Inspectors  
26 Engineers  
8 Apparatus Operators

**Feb. 2009**

- 1 Assign Hire- 1 Helicopter Pilot, no FF's & no Paramedics
- 1 on weekends, none on Valentine's Day
- 29 members worked out of rank
- 2 Captain II
- 1 Captain I
- 1 Inspector
- 19 Engineers
- 6 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.

**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 October, November and December 2008, the Response Time Percentages for these benchmark incidents were as follows:

- First resource on scene at Structure Fire incidents —**94 %** within 5 minutes
- First resource on scene at Life-threatening EMS incidents —**85 %** within 5 minutes
- First paramedic on scene at Life-threatening EMS incidents —**88 %** within 8 minutes



**DIRECTIVES AND ACTIONS**

**APPOINTMENTS**

**FIREFIGHTERS APPOINTED February 16, 2009**

Listed below are forty-four (44) appointments to the position of Firefighter I, effective 0600 hours, February 16, 2009 . Listed below is the order of their certification for appointment by the Personnel Department. The numbers (1-44) below established the relative seniority of the member appointed in the class.

- 1. MENDOZA, Joshua M.
- 2. JOHNSON, Matthew P.
- 3. CRUZ, Hector B.
- 4. SPEAKMAN, Benjamin A.
- 5. ROUPOLI, Aaron D.
- 6. RODRIGUEZ, Nestor A.
- 7. LATERREUR, Ryan C.
- 23. RAVIOL, Joseph A.
- 24. BEASTON, Lacey J.
- 25. NEWMAN, Preston T.
- 26. SAEZ, Jebediah C.
- 27. McDONALD, Jeffrey S.
- 28. NGUYEN, Julian T.
- 29. CAMARLINGHI, Rocky J.

- 8. HILL, Celeste M.
- 9. CURRY, Elisabeth G.
- 10. BRISTOL, Michael P.
- 11. IGARASHI, Jaycey L.
- 12. KEELIN, Scott P.
- 13. SAAVEDRA, Paul C.G.
- 14. STUDENKA, Craig R.
- 15. SPRIGGS, Stephen J.
- 16. TUBBS Jr., Anthony L.
- 17. COPE, Milo M.
- 18. GREEN Jr., Kevin M.
- 19. SALAS, Edward A.
- 20. HEMSLEY, Shaun A.
- 21. RICHARDS, Nicolette M.
- 22. TORREZ, David M.
- 30. LEE, Lawrence S.
- 31. THOMAS, Adrian M.
- 32. SMITH, Joel A.
- 33. LOMBARD, Shannon P.
- 34. WEIRETER, Cody J.
- 35. HAJJAR, Austin M.
- 36. WORCESTER IV, Warren B.
- 37. CORREY, Michael N.
- 38. BRINGHURST, William S.
- 39. CUMMINGS, Aaron J.
- 40. VAN NORDEN, Douglas M.
- 41. BROWN, Kairi I.
- 42. WILLIAMS, Kenneth B.
- 43. RICE, Keith P.
- 44. THYFAULT, Christopher J.



Dear Chief Barry:

I am writing with tears in my eyes to thank one of your firefighters, Robert Price, who rescued me at 8:05 AM this morning (01-24-09).

I was driving North on the 405 transitioning to the 101 in a drizzle when my car spun out of control and I crashed. I sat in a daze in the car and he reached to me from the window, taking charge while I sat trying to figure out what to do. He took charge when I couldn't get my cell phone to work, summoned the CHP and AAA. He had me move to a safer spot while we waited for CHP and didn't leave till the squad car arrived. He humbly shrugged off my thanks, saying, "that's what I do as a firefighter". He was on his way home from work. He was so kind, knew just what to do when I was in shock! I felt so safe.

Appreciatively,

Lois Vaziram



Dear Chief Barry:

I wanted to pass along my thanks to you for allowing Battalion Chief Tim Ernst to come to Minneapolis to speak about your experience with the Metro rail Crash. I am well aware of the administrative time that is lost with such speaking engagements and appreciative that Tim was allowed to come share your story with us.

Preparedness Practicum was attended by approximately 300 hospital, fire, and EMS personnel including Minneapolis Fire Deputy Chief John Freutel (MN TF-1 Commander) and Bloomington Fire Chief Ulysses Seal (MN TF-1 Deputy Commander).

It is only through this type of knowledge transfer that we can anticipate response shortfalls and Tim's presentation gave us additional issue to consider in our planning for our light and heavy rail transit responses. I sincerely hope that Tim enjoyed his trip, (considering the destination and time of year) our conference program, and our mass casualty / rehab bus demonstration.

Once again, thanks for all that your department's contributions to disaster preparedness and for your Chief's time in coming to speak.

Sincerely,

John L. Hick, MD



Dear Chief Barry:

On behalf of all the members of the Woodland Hills Rotary Club, I want to thank you for providing transportation for the Students of El Camino High School to the Braille Institute on December 12, 2008.

As a part of Rotary, the students of the Interact club whom we support were taken to the Braille institute for the annual Christmas Party. Eleven Students participated which gives them a good outlook on how a blind person lives and survives. Two of your Firefighters: F.F. Shawn Sternick and F.F. Jeffrey Swegles drove the students down to the institute and then participated in the event by guiding the blind to their seats, and serving them. Over 350 blind persons were served and entertainment was provided.

We are very proud of the students and are thankful to the LAFD for their assistance in this event.

We further wish to acknowledge the efforts of Battalion Chief John Duca, Battalion 17 "A" and Captain Tina Haro, Community Relations in assisting and providing the transportation at the last moment due to a lack of communications. Their efforts succeeded in getting the students there in time.

This type of service provided is typical of the service we can expect when whenever we work with the LAFD. We are indeed proud of the men and women of the LAFD.

Sincerely,  
Jill Mellman,  
President, Woodland Hills Club

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