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DOUGLAS L. BARRY
Fire Chief

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

RETIREMENTS

Name: SPIERS, Ron, Staff Assistant
Battalion 1

Place: Montebello Golf Course
901 Via San Clemente
Montebello, CA 90640

Date & Time: Tuesday, August 4, 2009
Golf: 10:00 a.m.
Dinner: 6:00 p.m.

Food & Price: Buffet
\$55.00 includes tax, tip, & gift

Reservations: Fire Station 4 (213) 972-9042
ALL ARE WELCOME
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Name: ALVAREZ, John, Welder/Artist

Place: Supply and Maintenance
140 N. Ave. 19th
Los Angeles, CA 90031

Date & Time: Wednesday, August 12, 2009
("A" Shift on duty)
Lunch 11:45 a.m.

Food & Price: S&M Shops BBQ, Carne Asada and Chicken
\$15.00 includes gift

Reservations: S&M Body Shop
John Lawler (213) 485-6110
ALL ARE WELCOME
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Name: YOUNG, Bruce, Firefighter/ Paramedic
Fire Station 23 "C"

Place: Home of Dana & Lorraine Larsen
3108 Evelyn Ave.
Simi Valley, CA 93063

Date & Time: Saturday, August 15, 2009
("C" Shift on duty)
Social hour: 5:00 p.m. - Dinner: 6:30 p.m.
9:00 -11:00 DANCE IF YOU DARE

Food & Price: Mexican Buffet
\$35.00 includes gift

Reservations: Lorraine Larsen (805) 584-1985
- leave message
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Name: CABRAL, Ernie, Captain I

Place: Alimitos Bay Yacht Club
7201 E Ocean Blvd
Long Beach, CA

Date & Time: Saturday, August 22, 2009
("A" Shift on duty)
5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Food & Price: Open Taco Bar
\$35.00 includes tax, tip, & gift

Reservations: Fire Station 40 (310) 831-8439
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Name: LILLY, David, Firefighter/Paramedic
FS 97, "B" Platoon

Place: David Lilly's Backyard
649 Hudspeth Avenue
Simi Valley, CA 93065

Date & Time: Saturday, August 29, 2009
("C" Shift on duty)

Social Hour 5:00 p.m. - Dinner 6:00 p.m.

Food & Price: Family BBQ, Tri Tip and Chicken
\$40.00 includes tax, tip and gift

Reservations: Fire Station 97 (818)-756-8697
RSVP BY August 22, 2009
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Name: PRANGE, Thomas A., Engineer
Fire Station 108 "C" Platoon

Place: Knollwood Country Club
12040 Balboa Blvd.
Granada Hills, CA 91344

Date & Time: Sunday, September 20, 2009
("B" Shift on duty)

Social Hour - 6 p.m. Dinner - 7 p.m.

Food & Price: BBQ Buffet
\$45.00 includes tax, tip and gift

Reservations: Fire Station 108 Grapevine (310) 274-2618
or (818) 756-8608 Business
RSVP by September 14, 2009
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Name: LAVALLEE, George, Captain
Fire Station 104 A

Place: Knollwood Country Club
12040 Balboa Blvd.
Granada Hills, CA 91344

Date & Time: Wednesday, September 23, 2009
("C" Shift on duty)

Social Hour - 6 p.m. Dinner - 7 p.m.

Food & Price: Broiled Salmon Medallions or BBQ tri tip
\$45.00 includes drink, tax, tip and gift

Reservations: Fire Station 104 (818) 341-4006
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Name: BARRIOS, Alan P., Captain
 Fire Station 96, "A" platoon
Place: Renaissance Hotel
 30100 Agoura Rd.
 Agoura Hill, CA 91301
Date & Time: Friday, October 23, 2009
 ("A" Shift on duty)
 Social Hour – 6 p.m. Dinner – 7 p.m.
Food & Price: Buffet
 \$45.00 includes tax, tip and gift
Reservations: Fire Station 96
 Grapevine: (818) 341-0418
 Business: (818) 756-8696
ALL ARE WELCOME



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| 14. Fire Station 26 | 9 ALS incidents per day |
| 15. Fire Station 60 | 9 ALS incidents per day |
| 16. Fire Station 61 | 9 ALS incidents per day |
| 17. Fire Station 98 | 8 ALS incidents per day |
| 18. Fire Station 58 | 8 ALS incidents per day |
| 19. Fire Station 91 | 8 ALS incidents per day |
| 20. Fire Station 34 | 8 ALS incidents per day |
| 21. Fire Station 4 | 8 ALS incidents per day |
| 22. Fire Station 35 | 7 ALS incidents per day |
| 23. Fire Station 7 | 7 ALS incidents per day |
| 24. Fire Station 13 | 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:

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| 1. Fire Station 9 | 10 BLS incidents per day |
| 2. Fire Station 64 | 8 BLS incidents per day |
| 3. Fire Station 66 | 8 BLS incidents per day |
| 4. Fire Station 57 | 7 BLS incidents per day |
| 5. Fire Station 46 | 7 BLS incidents per day |
| 6. Fire Station 11 | 6 BLS incidents per day |
| 7. Fire Station 27 | 6 BLS incidents per day |
| 8. Fire Station 94 | 6 BLS incidents per day |
| 9. Fire Station 33 | 6 BLS incidents per day |
| 10. Fire Station 39 | 5 BLS incidents per day |
| 11. Fire Station 89 | 5 BLS incidents per day |
| 12. Fire Station 61 | 5 BLS incidents per day |
| 13. Fire Station 65 | 5 BLS incidents per day |
| 14. Fire Station 98 | 4 BLS incidents per day |
| 15. Fire Station 37 | 4 BLS incidents per day |
| 16. Fire Station 26 | 4 BLS incidents per day |
| 17. Fire Station 68 | 4 BLS incidents per day |
| 18. Fire Station 13 | 4 BLS incidents per day |
| 19. Fire Station 58 | 4 BLS incidents per day |
| 20. Fire Station 60 | 4 BLS incidents per day |
| 21. Fire Station 34 | 4 BLS incidents per day |
| 22. Fire Station 91 | 4 BLS incidents per day |
| 23. Fire Station 29 | 4 BLS incidents per day |
| 24. Fire Station 3 | 4 BLS incidents per day |
| 25. Fire Station 6 | 4 BLS incidents per day |

WEEKLY UPDATE

PARAMEDIC PERSONNEL AND ASSIGNMENTS

As of July 5, 2009, there are **747** authorized paramedic positions in the Emergency Services Bureau. There are currently **719** Firefighter-Paramedics assigned to these paramedic positions. There are only **28** Firefighter-Paramedic vacancies.

There are an additional **54** Firefighter-Paramedics assigned to Special Duty, OCD, or Accounting.

There are also **39** Probationary Firefighter-Paramedics assigned to non-paramedic positions at fire stations. There are **no** 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 **34** Firefighters being trained as paramedics. They are in various stages of the training program at the UCLA-Daniel Freeman Paramedic School.

QUARTERLY DEPARTMENT STATISTICS

During the months of January, February and March of 2009:

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

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| 1. Fire Station 64 | 18 ALS incidents per day |
| 2. Fire Station 66 | 17 ALS incidents per day |
| 3. Fire Station 57 | 17 ALS incidents per day |
| 4. Fire Station 9 | 15 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 94 | 11 ALS incidents per day |
| 8. Fire Station 11 | 10 ALS incidents per day |
| 9. Fire Station 39 | 10 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 68 | 9 ALS incidents per day |
| 13. Fire Station 27 | 9 ALS incidents per day |

INFORMATION

Letters of Appreciation

Dear Chief Barry,

The Los Angeles Police Historical Society is fortunate to have a 1925 police station to house its collections. From this landmark building, the Historical Society operates a full-time museum dedicated to showcasing the 140-year history of the LAPD. It is a fascinating and rewarding undertaking. Annually, scores of people from schools, colleges, and from places both distant and nearby visit the museum.

The Historical Society gladly hosts all of them, knowing each will learn something new about the LAPD and its storied past.

While the museum has been in operation for more than seven years, that time has been focused on acquisitions and exhibitions. Now that the Historical Society is settled into its museum operations, time has been allotted to attend to the organization's infrastructure. Life safety, of course, is a high priority.

Earlier this year I reached out to Captain Keith Douglass for advice on acquiring Automated External Defibrillators for the museum. Captain Douglass checked into the matter on our behalf and ultimately referred me to Valerie Munoz. Through Valerie's diligent efforts, the Historical Society recently acquired the needed AED's. Firefighter John Flores recently certified the Historical Society staff relative to the use of the AEDs.

Because of the attentiveness of these members of your staff, the museum is a safer place to work and visit. We extend our thanks to you for assisting us with this project. More importantly, Valerie, Keith and John were true professionals who were a pleasure to work with and reflect positively on LAFD. Their collective concern for the safety of our visitors deserves our thanks and recognition. Please commend them and extend our thanks for a job well done.

Sincerely,
Glyne Martin
Executive Director

Dear Chief Barry:

I'm writing this letter to commend Fire Captain II Paul R. Nelson and his crew (Earl Boyd, Brian Petty, Mathew Potter, and Craig Yamshiro) who responded to a fire alarm at my house in Marina del Rey on May 22, 2009. I was fortunate that it was just a faulty alarm, which your firemen helped me diagnose and not a fire. From the response and the professionalism of Captain Nelson and his crew, I was confident that they could handle any situation.

This was my first encounter up close with your department, and I am happy to report that all of these individuals exhibited a high degree of confidence, courtesy and professionalism.

I thank them and you for your service to the community.

Sincerely,
Larry Colvin
Vice-President
Cedars-Sinai Medical Center

Dear Chief Barry:

On May 29, 2009, at approximately 1700 hours, Officers Elias Garcia, Serial No. 38499 and Miguel Vaca, Serial No. 36025 responded to a radio of an Assault with a Deadly Weapon at 3519 $\frac{3}{4}$ Montclair Street. Upon their arrival they were met by the victim Latresha Thomas, who was cut on the face, throat, and left arm. The victim told the officers that the suspect, Belinda Molett, had slashed her with a box cutter after the two were involved in an argument. After cutting the victim, the suspect retreated to her residence. Officers Garcia and Vaca interviewed several witnesses that corroborated the victim's version of events.

The officer's investigation also revealed that the suspect had been diagnosed with a cancerous brain tumor along with breast cancer. The officers knew that the suspect possessed a handgun. The officers deployed additional units around the suspect's residence prior to attempting to make contact with her. When officers made contact with the suspect she refused to leave her residence. Through their dialogue with the suspect and her actions, officers formed the opinion that she was attempting to "commit suicide by cop." The Officers maintained calm and did not over react to her actions, rather they continued to maintain communication with her.

When it became apparent that the suspect was armed and was refusing to submit to arrest a request for the recourses of the Metropolitan Division and the Los Angeles City Fire Department were requested. A coordinated response to the situation was developed by all the entities. Throughout the evening police and fire resources were strategically deployed so that a safe conclusion to the event would be achieved. Southwest Patrol Division, Metropolitan Division SWAT and k-9 were deployed. Behavioral Sciences Section and Mental Evaluation Unit officers were also on scene to assist with the operation.

After several hours of negotiations with the suspect, she surrendered herself to officers without further incident. This incident exemplifies the positive attributes of teamwork, planning and coordination of various recourses that resulted in an arrest of a violent suspect without harm to the public or team members.

Under the leadership of Battalion Chief Manuel LaFarga, Fire Department personnel worked alongside Police Department personnel. At every Briefing, Fire Department personnel assisted the Police Department with deployment of fire recourses. They were ready to respond to any fire related incident relative to the tactical situation.

Please extend my gratitude to the following personnel:

Battalion Chief Manuel Lafarga
Captain Peter Hsiao
Engineer Richard Carlin
Firefighter/Paramedic Ivan Covin
Firefighter Joseph Smith
Firefighter/Paramedic Damon Grayson and
Firefighter/Paramedic Zoltan Nagy

Arthur J. Miller, Captain
Commanding Officer
Southwest Patrol Division

Dear Chief Barry:

I was in a car accident on the 405 Fwy just north of Mullholland Drive approximately 1:30 p.m. on June 21, 2009. Within minutes of my accident I noticed a firetruck had pulled up right behind me. Not long after the paramedics arrived.

I would like to express my deep and sincere appreciation to this Fire Department for getting help to me so fast. I was told it was "A" Platoon that arrived. Before I knew it, help was there for me. I was told one of the firemen was Bill Siementel from Castaic Lake. He was the fireman that checked me at my passenger window. His thoughtfulness and professionalism talking to me calmed me down. His cool demeanor was appreciated and

sincerely felt. I would also like to thank all the firemen, paramedic personnel, and especially the Captain that was there who administered a EKG to me. I was told he came from another department. I do not know his name.

I feel as a Los Angeles citizen, we are very fortunate to have such caring and professional Fire Department who devote their career and lives to care for the sick, injured, and accident victims.

Again please except my profound appreciation for all the help that was provided to me by your department on the day of my accident.

Sincerely,
Joan Stern
Encino, California



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