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DOUGLAS L. BARRY
Fire Chief

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

RETIREMENTS

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
ALL ARE WELCOME
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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

Reservations: \$45.00 includes tax, tip and gift
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: PREMMER, Steward, Engineer
Place: George Petrelli Famous Steak House
5615 S. Sepulveda Blvd.
Culver City, CA 90230
Date & Time: Wednesday, September 23, 2009
("C" Shift on duty)
Social Hour – 6 p.m. Dinner – 7 p.m.
Food & Price: New York Steak or Grilled Salmon
\$55.00 includes tax, tip, & gift
Reservations: Fire Station 58 (213) 458-6258
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Name: CZUBEK, Thomas C., Captain
Place: Los Angeles Police Academy
1880 North Academy Drive
Los Angeles, CA 90012
Date & Time: Wednesday, October 7, 2009
("A" Platoon on Duty)
Social Hour – 6 p.m. Dinner – 7 p.m.
RSVP by September 18, 2009
Food & Price: Steak/Chicken Buffet
\$45.00 includes tax, tip and gift
Reservations: QUA (Jaramillo) (213) 485-6995
FS 64 (Mendoza) (213) 485-6264
PSD (Hamel) (818) 209-0813
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Name: BARRY, Douglas L., Fire Chief
Place: Millenium Biltmore Hotel
506 S. Grand Avenue

Date & Time: Los Angeles, CA 90071
Sunday, October 18, 2009
("A" Shift on duty)
Social Hour – 2 p.m. Dinner – 3 p.m.

Food & Price: Atlantic Salmon or
Prime Tenderloin of Beef
\$65.00 includes tax, tip and gift
RSVP by September 30, 2009

Reservations: (213) 473-9989
or lafdfirechief@lacity.org
Make Checks Payable and Mail to:
DLB Luncheon
200 N. Main Street, Rm 1800
Los Angeles, CA 90012
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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
RSVP by October 16, 2009

Reservations: Fire Station 96
Grapevine: (818) 341-0418
Business: (818) 756-8696
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WEEKLY UPDATE

NEW FIRE STATION 64

On July 7, 2009, new Fire Station 64 opened at 10811 South Main Street in Southeast Los Angeles. New Fire Station 64 is a 7-bay Regional Fire Station housing Paramedic Assessment Engine 64, BLS Light Force 64, Paramedic Rescue Ambulance 64, and BLS Rescue Ambulance 864.

PARAMEDIC PERSONNEL AND ASSIGNMENTS

As of August 2, 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 **51** Firefighter-Paramedics assigned to Special Duty, OCD, or Accounting.

There are also **38** 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 **32** Firefighters being trained as paramedics. They are in various stages of the training program at the UCLA-Daniel Freeman Paramedic School.

INFORMATION

Letters of Appreciation

Dear Battalion Chief Barry:

On behalf of Aviva Family and Children's Services, Foster Family and Adoptions Department, I would like to thank the Fire Department for participating in the Summer Picnic for our foster families and children at Woodley Park, Van Nuys, CA on July 25, 2009. The picnic was a great success and we appreciate the Fire Department taking the time to provide the foster children of our agency with the opportunity to see the fire truck close-up and to learn how to spray the fire hose. Our foster families had a wonderful day's outing and the smiles on the children's faces were wonderful to see. The children (and adults, too) were especially delighted when they were sprayed with water by the fire hose. Your staffing on the truck is to be commended for their community service, organization, politeness and patience as each child was given the opportunity to work the fire hose.

It is appreciated that the Fire Department recognizes the benefit in giving back to the community to those not as fortunate, such as with the neglected and abused children. From the staff, management, and foster families of Aviva, "Thank you!"

Yours truly,
Althea Bassett
Director of Foster and Family/Adoptions
Aviva Family and Children's Services

Dear Chief Barry:

On July 24, my 9-year old son had a medical emergency while flying to LAX. Upon landing, we were met by Eric Miller and Roger Morris from Fire Station 51. These gentlemen were amazing!

Eric and Roger were calm, extremely knowledgeable, accommodating to my son's requests, and even added some much-needed humor to the situation.

My son has some special needs and has Fragile X Syndrome. He is not the easiest patient under the best of situations. Roger easily took his vitals while Eric seeming effortlessly took history and assessed the situation.

Both men happily answered my son's questions and requests the many times the identical question was asked or request was made. My son adores firemen and wanted to discuss the uniform and see the hat; Eric made this happen —a much appreciated treat. Upon arriving at the ER, both men stayed with me and my son as if we were the only ones present in the very busy ER. They continued to provide excellent care, splattered with wonderful attention, and humor.

Several hours later, when my son was somewhat more focused, the first thing he asked was, "Where are Eric and Roger?"

Thank you so very much for providing such wonderful care!

Fondly,
Barb Davis

Dear Chief Barry:

I take this opportunity to extend to Darren Burkhart my profound appreciation for his invaluable assistance on 7/14/09.

I was on the train that was heading for Lancaster, California, when the train was involved in an accident. While I was sitting and waiting for the officials to give clearance to proceed on our journey, my glucose level dropped suddenly. I had begun to sweat profusely, was feeling exceptionally lightheaded, and my hands had begun to shake. I felt I was going to lapse into a diabetic coma.

A concerned paramedic came to my rescue, escorting me to an area of the train where he could assess the situation. This concerned professional was Darren Burkhart. Unaffected by those around him, as they were concerned about the accident, he focused on my medical needs. I immediately felt I was in capable, competent hands. He made sure I was all right.

Often times, and all too many times, Chief Barry, these highly trained professionals are taken for granted. They are indeed unsung heroes, and it is therefore paramount that I send this letter to Paramedic Burkhart, for to him, I am sanguine he didn't feel he had gone beyond the normal performance of his duties; but to me, he did, and for that I am grateful, for his caring was most genuine, sincere, and appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,
State of California
Billy C. Turner
Supervisor

Dear Chief Barry:

On July 7, 2009, LAPD Officers responded to the Hilton Hotel, located at 5711 Century Blvd. They responded for a male who would not leave his room when his reservation ended. The hotel employees tried to get him to leave but when he refused, they then called the police.

When the officers arrived they made contact with the hotel employee and then attempted to make contact with the guest. As they entered the room the guest became verbally abusive. He also told the officers that he had staph in the mouth, a colostomy bag, and tanks of oxygen throughout the room. The officers attempted to reason with him to get him to leave but he would not. At this time the hotel employee wanted to place him under arrest for defrauding the innkeeper. Prior to doing that the officers requested a supervisor and I responded.

Upon my arrival I met with the guest in an attempt to get him to leave. When I started talking to him he became agitated and started to labor with his breathing. At this time I directed the officers to request LAFD for medical treatment. Shortly thereafter Engine 95 and RA 95 with employees Captain Parker (#48423), Fuller (#23711), Marshall (#79796), Reddy (#11093), and Cunnigan (#19705) responded to the location.

When your personnel made contact with the guest he again became verbally abusive and did not want to be treated. At this time they showed great care in dealing with him. Through their patience and expertise they were able to get the guest into the chair to be transported. This situation was not a short endeavor. The guest vacillated numerous times whether to go to the

hospital or not. Thanks to their efforts they ended up rendering the guest the medical care he needed.

I want to say thank you for my officers and myself for the effort your employees gave. Without this effort, my officers may have been tasked with obtaining medical treatment during the booking process which would more than likely overwhelmed our resources.

Thank You,
Ron Pickering
Sergeant Pacific Division

Dear Chief Barry:

Over the recent July 4th holiday weekend, Wilshire Patrol Division officers were assigned to Venice Beach due to the anticipated large crowds and fireworks display. At one point during the day, several officers were flagged down by a citizen who reported that a two-year old child in his home was not breathing and that family members were unfamiliar with CPR. The officers responded and notified LAFD Paramedics. Fortunately, they discovered that the toddler had begun to breathe on his own and he was transported to the hospital as a precaution.

Although not necessary in this case, the incident illustrated the need for police personnel to be familiar with CPR and Rescue Breathing. We contacted our neighbors at LAFD Station 68 and Paramedic Captain Heywood Chang, serial No. 55078, EMS 18, kindly volunteered to provide training. On July 16, 2009, Captain Chang adjusted his schedule to appear at four separate roll calls throughout the day, where he explained and demonstrated CPR and Rescue Breathing techniques for infants and toddlers. The training was extremely valuable and left a lasting impression on the officers in attendance, many of who have young children of their own.

Please convey my sincere gratitude to Captain Chang for his dedication and assistance. His cooperation was truly appreciated.

Very truly yours,
William J. Bratton
Chief of Police

Annual Century Bike Ride

Annual LAFD Santa Ana to San Diego Century Bike Ride. The ride will take place on Sunday, August 23rd. This is an unsupported 100-mile ride from the Santa Ana Transportation Center to the San Diego train station. Meet at the Santa Ana Transportation Center at 7:00 a.m. prepared to leave promptly at 7:30 a.m. Bring money to purchase food and approximately \$20.00 or a credit card for the train ticket to return, as well as photo identification to get through Camp Pendleton and to board the train. We'll return on the 5:20 p.m. train, arriving back at Santa Ana at 7:10 p.m. There will be opportunities to return from intermediate stations if 100 miles is a ride too far. Call Michael Agran at (310) 477-5544 with any questions.

Guns 'n Hoses

Wood Ranch Golf Club is inviting police officers and fire fighters to play the Ted Robinson-designed links style course for a reduced fee of \$65.00 (carts included) on Monday, September 28, 2009. An optional BBQ lunch at the turn will also be available for purchase. Proper golf attire is required, collared shirts only, soft spikes only, no denim. Registration is at 9:00 a.m. and shotgun at 10:00 a.m. Credit card is required for reservation. To RSVP, call the Golf Shop at (805) 522-7262.



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