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Regional Optimist Club Award

Captain Tim Odebralski received the Riverside Optimist FF of the Year Award last month. Tim was next nominated at the regional level. He won the award and was recognized at the Regional Optimist Club Ceremony at Temecula Creek on Aug 4. Tim received the District Award for his commitment to the profession and his contributions to our youth through our Fire Explorer Program.

The Optimist's Respect For Law Award annual observance was developed to focus public attention on our legal and moral responsibility to defend each other and society against any crime through law enforcement. Each recipient has not only excelled in law enforcement or firefighting, but must also be involved in community and/or youth activities.





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Email from Keith Kasin to Fire Chief Earley on Aug 10: Dear Chief Earley: I am the Executive Director of Plymouth Village, a continuing care retirement community in Redlands. On July 26 our 24 passenger bus, loaded with residents ranging in age from 84 to 95, was traveling through Riverside on the way to the Nixon Library. While traveling the 91 freeway one of the rear tires had a blow-out and thankfully our driver was able to make it approximately ½ mile to the nearest exit ramp to find safety.

Upon getting off the freeway, our driver contacted our community so vehicles could be dispatched to get our residents and plans could be made for repairs. Based on the distance traveled and needing to get our vehicles back from other destinations, this would take at least an hour. About 20 minutes into this ordeal, one of our residents, a 91 year young woman, announced she really needed a restroom so not having one on the bus, one of our accompanying staff took some bottled water and off they went in search of a facility. As they headed up Riverside Avenue, they entered three local businesses each of which after hearing the plea announced they had no restrooms available for the public. I was absolutely appalled to hear this as this duo certainly were not of any unsavory nature and were dressed for a somewhat formal event. Thankfully as the distance grew longer, heat did not overcome our resident.

A little further up the road our staff spotted a firehouse, I believe this was station number 3 located at 6395 Riverside Avenue. Upon entry your team on duty welcomed our travelers, offered drinks and access to restrooms. Their hospitality and concern did not end here however as they offered a ride back to our vehicle in nothing less than full style and class in one of their fire engines with lights flashing. Our resident was in heaven and has made it a point to share this tale with all her friends and achieved somewhat celebrity status among her peers as they returned to the disabled bus. Your team helped me to regain my faith in humanity and contributed greatly in taking an otherwise bad situation and making it a memorable journey for all our residents.

I would truly like to do something as thanks and appreciation for your team at the Riverside Ave station. I have attempted to contact the station directly with no luck and thankfully am in Rotary with Chief Frasier of the Redlands Fire Department who shared your contact information. Can you assist me with the best way to express our thanks? I will be sending a letter to the Editor of the Press Enterprise as well.



Response from Chief Earley to Keith Kasin on Aug 13: I truly appreciate your email and will send it to the entire department. Our personnel are continually working to "Exceed Our Customers' Expectations" and I'm very proud of the service they provided some of your residents.



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Birthdays



Congratulations

September Birthdays

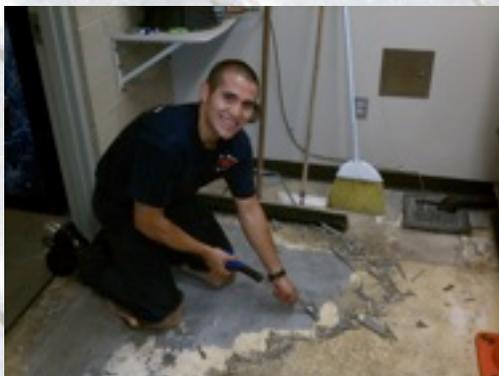
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Carol Blake	9/1
Clinton Breads	9/19
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Anthony Frausto	9/7
Evan Green	9/11
Dave Hernandez	9/12
Steve Jeremiah	9/18
Karen McCoy	9/2
Darin Muchmore	9/5
David Revollo	9/26
Jeremy Roberts	9/6
Frank Robles	9/6
Ron Rondero	9/26
Shannon Smith	9/14
Tyler Stanford	9/18
Bob Valdez	9/23
Dan Wible	9/14
Mike Williams	9/1

6 Month Probation: Jonathan Reyes; Jesus Macias

12 Month Probation: Quentin Priddy; Lovieanne Jung; Paul Avila

Promotions to Public Safety Communications

Supervisor: On Aug 17, Fire Chief Steve Earley and Police Chief Sergio Diaz announced the promotions of three new Public Safety Communication Supervisors: Kelley Ubelhor, Angela Soria, and Alissa Hughes. Kelley Ubelhor, filled the position of Acting Public Safety Communication Supervisor for the past year, and she was promoted immediately on Aug 17. The promotions of Angela and Alissa were effective Aug 31. A promotional ceremony will be scheduled in the near future. Both chiefs congratulate and look forward to the continued contributions of these excellent employees in the Communications Bureau.



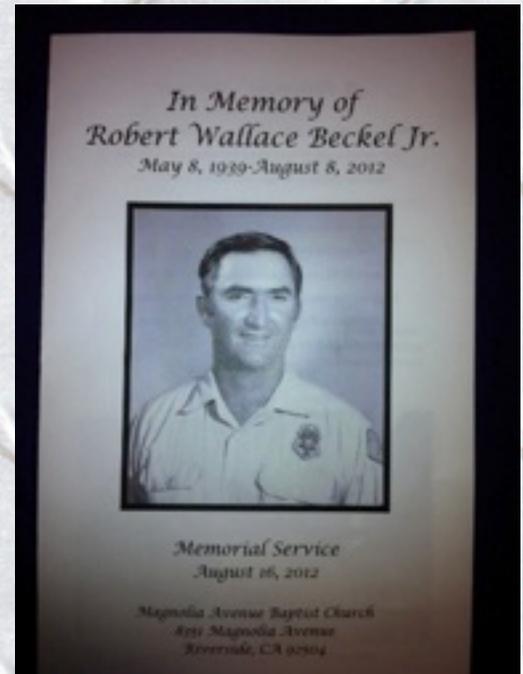
Raphael Llamas (by Jeff Lewis): Fire explorer Rafael Llamas volunteered his time to work on the floor in station 5s laundry room. The old linoleum floor had to be scrapped and grinded off. Thank you explorer Llamas for a job well done.



In Sympathy...

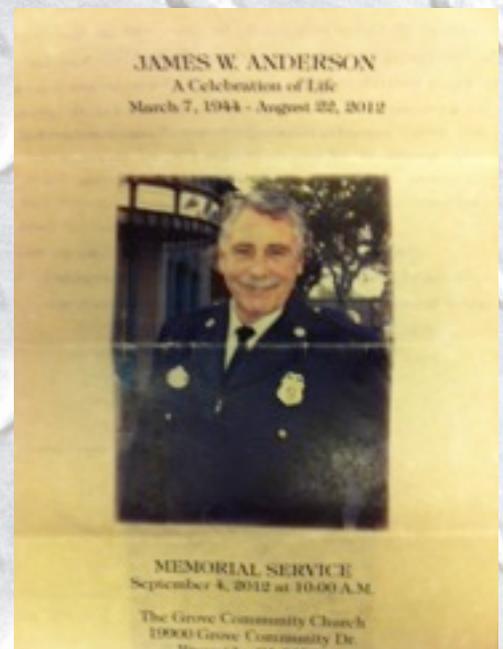
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Retired Firefighter **Bob Beckel** passed away on the evening of Aug 8. E2, B2, and AMR responded to a medical aid at Bob's house. Crews performed advanced life support and transported him to Kaiser Hospital Riverside. Medical staff and E2 personnel continued CPR and advanced life care procedures at the hospital. Unfortunately, the efforts were unsuccessful. A memorial service was held for Bob on Aug 16 at the Magnolia Avenue Baptist Church. Bob worked for the City of Riverside Public Utilities Water Department one year before becoming a firefighter with the City of Riverside. He served our City for 30 years as a firefighter and was one of the "original" members of the first hazardous materials response team.



The Chief's office is saddened to announce the passing of Mr. Bert Bradshaw, father of **RPD Sgt. Steve Bradshaw**. Sgt. Bradshaw is currently assigned to the Fire Department as a member of the UASI team. Mr. Bradshaw was 78 and passed away peacefully in his home following a lengthy illness. His service was held at Magnolia Baptist Church on Aug 20.

Jim Anderson: It is with deep sadness we announce the passing of retired FF Jim Anderson on Aug 22. Jim worked at Rubidoux Fire Department before he was hired by the City of Riverside FD in 1971 where he served the City for 27 years (1971-1998). After retirement, Jim began a second career on the Disneyland Fire Department where he promoted to the position of Administrative Chief and "protected the Magic" for over 13 years. Jim also served as the Riverside City Firefighters' Association President. Jim's memorial was held on Sept 4 at the Grove Community Church.





More Mail...

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Outlook Email from BC Stamper to personnel who stepped up and their supervisors on Aug 14: Folks, I want to thank each of you for responding to your O.T. assignments today (re: strike team coverage). A number of you were signed up, and remained signed up throughout the day. That really helps us fill these mid-shift openings. A few of you were mandatoried, and that is okay too. You picked up the phone and filled the position.

The hiring actually went fairly well – TeleStaff is a good thing!

Again, my sincere thanks to: Pat Hopkins, Sean Wilde, Roger Cutshall, Crispin Nunez, Bryan Hoffman, and Jesus Macias

Thank you letter from Jane Simmons, Sunshine Early Childhood Center Carnival Coordinator, on May 30: Dear Fire Station 2, On behalf of our students and their families, as well as our staff, I want to sincerely thank you for coming to our carnival on May 4. Wow! Our carnival was a HUGE success, thanks in no small part of the participation of our wonderful friends like you. The kids loved dressing up in the turnouts and enjoyed all the handouts. This year our carnival and raffle netted the school a good profit to be used for educational materials, specialized equipment, and supplemental curriculum materials. Your donation of volunteer time helped us achieve this unprecedented amount. Please know that we are sincerely grateful for your willingness to “blast off” with us at this year’s carnival!”

FIRE LINE - DO NOT CROSS



On this rare occasion where FF/PM Bruce Harter cooked dinner, Station 2A personnel just had to capture the moment. The meal was delicious, and Bruce may now be in the regular cooking rotation.

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City of REDLANDS "A CITY THAT WORKS"

August 9, 2012

Steve Earley, Fire Chief
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SUBJECT: Thank you for sharing Captain Scott Wilson

Dear Chief Earley:

Thank you for your invaluable contribution to the July 2012 Redlands Fire Department Engineers examination process. Your willingness to share the knowledge, skills, and abilities of Captain Scott Wilson combined to allow the City of Redlands to conduct a well-organized, equitable, and pertinent engineers test. Your actions are indicative of your commitment to the professionalism and cooperation we enjoy throughout the Inland Empire. Please extend my appreciation to Captain Wilson for his dedicated service.

Sincerely,

Jeff L. Frazier
Fire Chief

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City of REDLANDS "A CITY THAT WORKS"

August 13, 2012

Steve Earley, Fire Chief
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SUBJECT: Letter of Appreciation – Assistance to the City of Redlands, CA

Dear Chief Earley:

Please accept this letter as a token of the appreciation of the Redlands Fire Department for your invaluable assistance investigating the series of fires at the CMEX plant. Fire Captain / Investigator Terry Miller conducted himself in a most professional manner and brought further credit to the most respected name of the Riverside Fire Department. Redlands' is most fortunate to have such a remarkable resource to call upon in our time of need. Please extend my most sincere appreciation to Captain Miller for his efforts on behalf of the Redlands Fire department and in furtherance of arson and fire investigation throughout the county.

Sincerely,

Jeff L. Frazier
Fire Chief

JLF/jlf

Thank you!

cc: Rob Sandberg, Fire Captain, Fire Investigator

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This is the location of the old, (2nd) Station #1. It was built around 1906 and was where the department transitioned from horse drawn equipment to motorized equipment. It was in operation until the current Station 1 opened in 1955.



As for the pool table, a local pool table repairman who refurbished this pool table, at current Station 1, in early 1990's, told us the history of the table. That his father had told him, this pool table had been donated to the Firefighters back in late 1940's. That, when this Station (the one pictured) closed, and the current Station 1 open, it was the Firefighters themselves who disassembled and carried it over, and reassembled this pool table, at current Station 1.

Then & Now Question



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Where is this building located, and what is its significance to Riverside City Fire Department and its history? Send your answers to Tim Kessel, Station 12C. The answer will be provided in September's edition of the GA.



BC Wesche enjoys a station visit by his daughter, Danielle, and his granddaughter, Charlotte Rose





Join the RFD
ThinkPink Team

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October 27, 2012

*In Riverside's beautiful
Fairmount Park*

*Join us for our second annual breast cancer walk to benefit
The Pink Ribbon Place, Riverside's breast cancer resource center.*

NEW FOR 2012: A 5K Run/Walk Option!

This year's event will be twice as big and twice as exciting with the addition of a 5K route. We'll still have the 1-mile route option for a more leisurely way to join the fun.

Registration begins at 7:30 AM. The run/walk starts at 9 AM.

Register online now at <http://tinyurl.com/PinkonParade>

You may also use this site to become a sponsor or make a donation.

For more information contact Mary Pat Chavez, Administrative Manager of **The Pink Ribbon Place**, at (951) 680-9406 or mp@thepinkribbonplace.org

Here are the winning teams from last year's inaugural event.



Amy Harrison's "Women on Top" team won the prize for most money raised. Amy herself won for most money raised by an individual.



The Riverside Police Department's "RPD Supports Pink" won the prize for best team spirit.

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Growing Families



Congratulations to Christopher and Christina Stamper on the birth of their new daughter, AmeerGrace Noelle Stamper. She was born on the morning of Aug 11 (shares her dad's birthday). She weighed 8 lbs and was 19 1/2" long.

Congratulations to Chris and Kristin Ingalls on the newest members of the family....Jameson Carter 6 pounds 8 ounces and Owen Christopher 5 pounds 10 ounces born on Aug 21



Station 1 Wheelchair (by Tony Perna): E1B crew (Perna, Wilde, Huchting, and Stibal). We had a patient who was transported to RCH. There was no way for her electronic wheel chair to be transported, so we strapped it to the back of E1 (Reserve E6) tailboard and trucked it on over to RCH. Exceeding customer expectations!!!!

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Tech Rescue and Haz Mat teams responded with E5 to a hazardous materials investigation in a confined space (McClellan Incident). It was a great opportunity for crews mesh their skills and equipment in mitigating the situation.





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Bob Beckel Service and Reception

Past and present RFD members came together to celebrate the life of retired FF Bob Beckel



L to R: FF Tim Vanderhorst w/ his father retired Captain Gary Vanderhorst, and Captain Scott Wilson; Chaplain Steve Ballinger with his wife and retired member Jimmy Dunbar; Retirees Bob Markin and Dan DeRenzo; Retiree Stan Futch with Bob's wife, Darlene; Retirees Perry Halterman, Chris Jensen, Bob McConnell, and Ron Richmond; Retirees Joe Rosales Sr, Frank Matthies, Mike Fisher, and Roger Marquis w/ BC Mike Koury; Retirees Dave Austin and John Martinez

