



# the General Alarm

Jan 2013

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## 2013 Keep Riverside Clean and Beautiful Award



On Jan 24, the Airport Fire Station was recognized and received a beautification award from Keep Riverside Clean & Beautiful (KRCB) at the Mayor's State of the City Address. The award was accepted by Councilman Gutierrez who represents the District. KCRB chooses the award winners from nominations judged on: architectural design, landscaping, building improvements, general maintenance, screening of utilities, historical preservation and parking lot beautification.

Airport Fire Station #5 was submitted for "Sustainable Design and Innovation". Spotlighted was the retrofit to a high efficiency landscape irrigation system. Partnering with Toro Company, this project significantly reduced the station's landscape water usage while showcasing water efficient irrigation products.



**Thank you letter from Mary Pat Chavez, Administrative Manager for the Pink Ribbon Place, sent to Captain Lisa Holloway on Nov 12, 2012:** On behalf of the Pink Ribbon Place, Inland Agency and our Breast Resource Advocate Committee, we would like to thank you for your generous donation of \$300 (from original pink t-shirt order) for the 2nd Annual "Pink on Parade" 5K Run/Walk on Oct 27. Your donation allowed us to continue to provide education and screening resources to the men and women right here in our community. Please send our gratitude to Engine 2A: Sean Wilde, Bruce Harter, and Renee Griffin for their service at the Vigil on Oct 2, 2012. In addition to Engine 1B: Dru Odil, Chris Stamper, Matt Stibal, and Dustin Fenzke for their participation in the Pink on Parade Walk.

**Thank you letter from Dr. Danny Beteta, Pastor of Magnolia Espanol at Magnolia Avenue Baptist Church, to Fire Station #2 on Jan 15:** Dear Fire Crew Staff. On behalf of Magnolia Avenue Baptist Church, I would like to thank you and the Riverside Fire Department for your extremely generous donation to our benevolence ministry for the community. It is tremendously appreciated. It's because of people like you who contribute so generously and participate in this outreach to the community, that our benevolence ministry was able to bless over one hundred fifty families with food baskets and toys for their children. Your help not only benefits the community, but it also reflects the love of God in our congregation. Once again, thank you again for your contribution and generosity.

**Email from Riverside constituent/resident Jack Brewer to Councilman Chris MacArthur and forwarded to Fire Chief Earley on Jan 17:** I think I sent you an email at the wrong email address. Anyway, could you let the appropriate people know that the personnel at Station 5 handled a situation today for me in a very polite and professional manner. My carbon monoxide alarm went off and told me to evacuate my house. I stopped by Station 5 to ask questions about it. A short time later an engine and an aide car were in front of the house. It turned out to be a faulty alarm but I was really impressed by their professionalism and it takes a lot for me to be impressed by anything. Thank you.



## Birthdays



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## Retirees



### February Birthdays

<b>Cory Bruce</b>	<b>2/26</b>
<b>Romney Ellsworth</b>	<b>2/23</b>
<b>Lee Davis</b>	<b>2/7</b>
<b>Michael Deto</b>	<b>2/26</b>
<b>Stephen Fisher</b>	<b>2/20</b>
<b>Thomas Jay</b>	<b>2/11</b>
<b>Dirk Jensen</b>	<b>2/9</b>
<b>Bob Pina</b>	<b>2/5</b>
<b>Tony Robbins</b>	<b>2/1</b>
<b>Steven Scotti</b>	<b>2/19</b>
<b>Greg White</b>	<b>2/19</b>
<b>Scott Wilson</b>	<b>2/14</b>
<b>Robert Yanes</b>	<b>2/19</b>

### With Sympathy...

Retired Fire Engineer and past RCFA President Fred Van Wert passed away on Jan 14 peacefully at his Reedsport Oregon home with his family at his side. Fred had been under hospice care for cancer. Please keep the Van Wert family in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Fred spent 31 years with the Riverside City Fire Department.

## Congratulations

### *New Hires:*

**FF Gary Lingafelter, Jonathan Trujillo, FF Dominic Mistretta  
FF/PM Alex Austin (pic to right), FF/PM Jonathan Tilton**

### *6 Month Probation:*

**Aaron Wible**

### *Engine Certification:*

**Matt Stibal, Marciano Duran, David Greyshock**

### *Truck Certification:*

**Joe Reed**



## RFD Haz Mat Achieves Type 2 Status

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On Dec 17, 2012, our Haz Mat Unit received Type 2 Hazardous Materials Response Team Typing designation. This basically means that the RFD team has the equipment and training to deal with unknown industrial chemicals. In March 2012, our Haz Mat Unit was audited by members of the California Emergency Management Agency (CalEMA) and received its official Type 3 designation in June 2012 (capable of responding to known industrial chemicals). We were able to purchase the necessary equipment to upgrade to a Type 2 designation and be eligible for activation in the California mutual aid system.

Fire Chief Earley received a letter from Kim Zagaris, State Fire and Rescue Chief. Here is an excerpt from the letter: "We were impressed by the devoted and professional manner the members of your Department demonstrated for us on the evaluation performed on March 22nd, 2012. The equipment, vehicles, and training that your Department has obtained are of high quality and will serve the system greatly. The ability to obtain this level of expertise does not go unrecognized. The service you will be able to provide locally and to the State as a whole is a credit to your entire organization."

Congratulations to our hazardous materials personnel, with a special thanks to 2012 Station 2 A shift crew (Mike Staley, Lisa Holloway, Bret Bauer, Renee Griffin, Anthony Frausto, Bruce Harter, and Joe Reed).



## Hunter Botkin Fundraiser

On Jan 30, ten RFD members (Garrett Coryell, Steve Jeremiah, Todd Gooch, Mike Reynaud, Steve Scotti, Shawn Haney, Renee Griffin, Steve Wu, Paul Young, and Chaplain/Retiree Tony Braun) participated in the “Fill the Boot” Fundraiser at Saint Jeanne De Lesonnac School in Temecula where Eric Botkin’s son, Hunter, attends 8th grade. For the past three years, Hunter and Hallie, Eric’s wife, have organized this fundraiser during Catholic Schools Charity Fundraising Week. This year \$780 was raised for the RCFA 1067 firefighter assistance fund. The Botkin Family remains grateful for all support and care in the past and feels blessed to be able to “pay it forward.”

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Chris Boykin used his imagination and carpentry skills to build this sandbag filling station at Fire Station 11. Strong work, Chris!

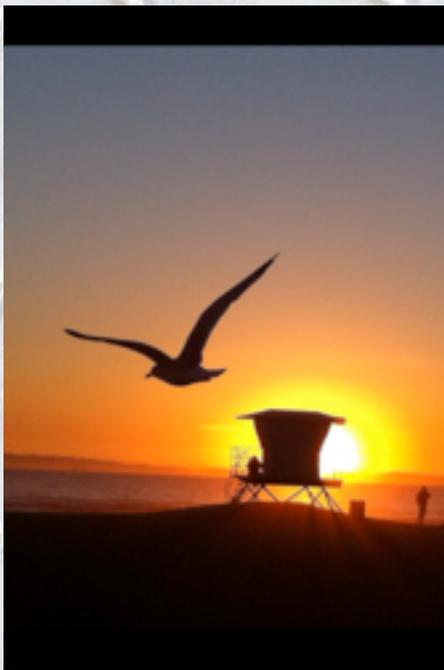


“Somewhere Over the Rainbow”: Crews at Station 11 captured this unique photo of dueling rainbows while out on drill.



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Engineer Bret Bauer took a picture of this beautiful sunset in Huntington Beach.



## Recruitment Opportunities

**USAR:** Contact Division Chief LaWayne Hearn if interested in joining CATF-6.

**Technology Committee:** Contact Division Chief Mitch Wesche if interested in joining the newly formed technology committee. All ranks are invited.



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## The California Public-Safety Radio Association

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Join our 25<sup>TH</sup> year celebration of honoring public safety telecommunicators for their outstanding service to the community!

**Thursday, April 18, 2013**

6:00 p.m. Registration and Social hour  
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**The Knott's Berry Farm Hotel and Resort**  
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To register please mail or fax the \*downloaded form and payment to:

CPRA Banquet  
Post Office Box 1181  
Riverside, CA 92502  
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**Banquet reservation deadline is Sunday, April 14, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.**

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