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May 2015

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## Pink on Parade

On May 16, RFD personnel participated in the "Pink on Parade" Breast Cancer Walk at Fairmount Park. The RFD Pink Sisterhood Team participants included: Chief Michael Moore and his wife Robyn, Jennifer McDowell, Shari Call, Roni Forst, Lisa Munoz, Kristen Johnson, Pat Mullen, Renee Griffin, Lisa Holloway, Misty Finney, and Anna Hauldren. Several other RFD members joined the team as supporters. E2 and crew attended the event to display our new breast cancer awareness decal. Fire Explorers helped out with the static display, and Tyler Reynolds volunteered on the mounted equestrian team. The walk raised money for the Pink Ribbon House, a local non-profit group, that provides resources to breast cancer patients and their loved ones. Our team raised \$1570.



# Employees of the Year

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The 2014 Employees of the Year are Captain Tyler Stanford (safety/sworn) and Senior Administrative Assistant Karen McCoy (civilian/non-sworn).

Captain Stanford was selected for his many contributions as: the EMD (Emergency Medical Dispatching) Coordinator; CAD (Computer Aided Dispatch) Coordinator; Department Westnet (alerting system in stations) Coordinator; Motorola Premier One (CAD mobile software) Project Manager; Firehouse Operations (new RMS software) Coordinator; and FireView Dashboard project. Tyler wore all these hats in addition to serving the Northside of Riverside as a paramedic captain at Station 6.

Karen McCoy was chosen for the overall support she gives the Chief's Office and the Department on a daily basis. Some of her accomplishments for 2014 are: participates in the Merit Awards Committee (coordinated the annual promotion, merit and employee service awards ceremony); coordinated with the City on the badge pinning ceremony for the new fire chief; transitioned with an interim fire chief, as well as two new deputy chiefs; coordinated retirement luncheon and council reception for retiring chief officers; assists with various personnel items; manages the master SOP's (standard operating procedures); assisted with the coordination of meetings and the press conference between CPF (CA Professional Firefighters) and our department to launch the SAVE (Supplying Aid to Victims of Emergencies) program; served on holiday party committee in December; assisted with the ambulance IFT (Inter Facility Transport) franchise process; attended Accreditation/Self-Assessment training in December; and completed her term as President for CA Fire Chiefs Association's Administrative Fire Services Section - Southern Division. Besides these responsibilities, if something needs done, Karen does it or finds out how to get it done; she comes in early, stays late, works through breaks and does what it takes to get the job done.

Tyler and Karen were recognized at the Merit and Employee Service Awards on May 6. Congratulations to both and a huge thank you for all of their hard work.



Left: Tyler Stanford and Family and Right: Karen McCoy and Family with Chief Moore at the May 6 Merit and Employee Service Awards Ceremony





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## Birthdays



### June Birthdays

<b>Shawn Haney</b>	<b>6/23</b>
<b>Bruce Harter</b>	<b>6/17</b>
<b>Thomas Henritze</b>	<b>6/20</b>
<b>Michelle Jackson</b>	<b>6/23</b>
<b>Ryan Kaessner</b>	<b>6/16</b>
<b>Craig Kodat</b>	<b>6/8</b>
<b>Matt Mathis</b>	<b>6/12</b>
<b>Tracy McKibbin</b>	<b>6/26</b>
<b>Bill Milligan</b>	<b>6/29</b>
<b>Nick Navarro</b>	<b>6/16</b>
<b>Crispin Nunez</b>	<b>6/20</b>
<b>Ray Orozco</b>	<b>6/19</b>
<b>Mike Reynaud</b>	<b>6/16</b>
<b>Paul Seawright</b>	<b>6/1</b>
<b>Tracy Shaw</b>	<b>6/30</b>
<b>Joshua Tronaas</b>	<b>6/2</b>
<b>Jim Weber</b>	<b>6/13</b>
<b>Ralph Wilson</b>	<b>6/26</b>



Mike and Verenia Staley join Rick Cabrera enjoying an afternoon Dodger game

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## Congratulations

### Engine Certification:

**FF Steve Fisher (May 30)**

Station 3 put its new utility truck into service on May 5.

**Retirement: Engineer Greg Bluma on May 8 (after 27 years of service)**

(Top) old Utility 3  
(Bottom) new Utility 3

**Promotion: FF Chris Ingalls to Engineer on May 8**

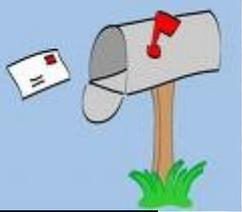


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## Mail

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**Email from Battalion Chief Jennifer McDowell to RFD Personnel:** The City of Riverside Fire Department has been supporting "Operation Safe House" for over 15 years. This program provides services 24 hours a day for runaway youth, homeless youth, and victims of human trafficking throughout Riverside County. Operation Safe House is opening a new store this month next to Joe's Sushi Restaurant at Magnolia C/O Van Buren. They are collecting new and used items in good condition to sell in their store to help raise money for their program. If you have any items that you want to donate, please contact Battalion Chief Jennifer McDowell (Department Liaison for Safe Place) or Fonda Mc Gensy (Safe Place Director) to coordinate a pick up at your station. Her number is 951-858-3701. Thank you for your on-going support.



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**From Acting Captain Jeff Lewis.** Engine 8 had a special activity request today (May 27) at McAuliffe Elementary School for their annual mini-muster. This event is coordinated every year by Captain Steve Hallgren. I want to thank my crew on Engine 8, Acting Engineer Brian Guzzetta and Dominic Luna for doing such a fantastic job today. Also a thank you to Captain Steve Hallgren for volunteering his time for this event. Strong work!





## 2015 Wheelchair Basketball Game

The Riverside City Fire Department participated in the 11th Annual Community Access Center Wheelchair Basketball Event at Poly High School on May 30. Since 1995, the Community Access Center has helped disabled persons throughout our community, making their lives a little easier. FF Ed Teran initially offered up our services to the center and for the last 11 years, the RCFA have competed in this charity basketball game.

Traditionally, our team has lost by a large margin but for the first time this year, we actually went into overtime and almost won. RFD players this year were: Tim Vanderhorst, Tyler Reynolds, Steve Hallgren, Matt Dalton, Joe Rosales, Tony Garcia, Brandon Mollicone, Mark Powell, Mike Detoy, and Ray Orozco. Once again Tony Garcia was the team MVP scoring over 10 points.

Other highlights from this year's game included the in-service attendance of Station 3 units/crews and both battalion chiefs. BCs Thomas Jay and Jeff DeLaurie took part in the halftime free-throw contest where each made one out of five baskets. Riverside player Brandon Mollicone won the contest making three out of five throws and winning a flat screen tv.

This year's event was a true collaboration between RCFA and RFD. We are looking forward to next year's event. Maybe 12 will be our lucky number.



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## Special Activity Requests



L to R: Arlington Chili Cook Off on May 23; Wells Middle School Color Run on May 9; McAuliffe Mini Muster



## Chaplain Ballinger

Chaplain Steve Ballinger and his wife Sonia came to Station 8 where they were presented with a check in the amount of \$3000 from the fundraiser at Family Day.



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## "Stewie the Duck" Drowning Prevention Program

This program targets 1st grade students, teaching them about water safety and drowning prevention. Thank you to Captain Dave Hernandez for bringing this program forward, and making it happen. We also want to thank the Optimist Club for their donation of purchasing the "Stewie the Duck" costume.



(Top left): Station 6 presentation at Fremont Elementary School; (Bottom left and right) Station 5 with "Stewie" and Captain Dave Hernandez teaching the Stewie Drowning Prevention Program at Monroe Elementary School.

(Top right): Eric Gibby, Ryan Kaessner, Jeff Rowe and David Gilstrap presented the Stewie the Duck Drowning Prevention Program to over 300 students at Mark Twain Elementary School on May 12

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## Swiftwater Training

B shift completed annual swift water training at Evans Lake in Fairmount Park and Lake Perris on May 29. A and C shift will be training in June.



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**\$875K**

## **Assistance to FF Grant Accepted**

**May 2015**

The primary goal of the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) program is to meet the firefighting and emergency response needs of fire departments and emergency medical services organizations. To this end, one-year grants are awarded to fire departments for eligible projects leading to improved emergency response times and increased firefighter safety. On December 2, 2014, the City Council approved the Fire Department's submittal of an AFG application requesting funding for Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) equipment. SCBAs are perhaps the single most important piece of personal protection provided to firefighters, preventing respiratory health issues caused by smoke and other toxins. On April 24, 2015, the Fire Department received notification that our 2014 AFG application scored favorably in the highly competitive peer panel review process, resulting in a grant award in the amount of \$875,435. In May, the City Council authorized acceptance of the grant.

AFG funds will be used to replace the Fire Department's 10-year old SCBA equipment with new SCBA harnesses with mounted regulators, 45 minute air cylinders, heat resistant face masks and voice amplifiers for clearer communication, all fully compliant with the latest National Fire Protection Association guidelines. Replacing our outdated SCBA gear with a more lightweight, ergonomically designed and technologically advanced system will enhance firefighter safety in life-threatening situations and better equip our firefighters to protect lives and property.

The grant period of performance is April 15, 2015 through April 14, 2016. The total cost for SCBA equipment is \$962,978. The AFG program will fund 90% of the total cost, or \$875,435. A supplemental appropriation from the un-appropriated General Fund balance is requested for the 10% match or \$87,435.



**Left: Bob Ward, Shari Call, Jennifer McDowell, and Anna Hauldren meet to discuss the spending plan for the AFG grant**

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## More Pink on Parade

