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National Fire Academy Executive Officer Program

Chief Earley distributed a memo on Aug 21 congratulating Captains Craig Kodat, Jennifer McDowell, and Rob Rappaport on their acceptance into the National Fire Academy Executive Officer Program (EFOP).

He explained that the “EFOP is an initiative of the U.S. Fire Administration designed to provide senior officers and others in key leadership roles with:

An understanding of:

1. the need to transform fire and emergency services organizations from being reactive to proactive; with an emphasis on leadership development, prevention, and risk-reduction;
2. transforming fire and emergency services organizations to reflect the diversity of America's communities;
3. the value of research and its application to the profession; and
4. the value of lifelong learning.

Enhanced executive-level knowledge, skills, and abilities necessary to lead these transformations, conduct research, and engage in lifelong learning

Our officers will enhance their professional development through a unique series of four graduate and upper-division-baccalaureate equivalent courses. The EFOP spans a 4-year period with 4 core courses. Each course is 2 weeks in length.

The EFOP Program provides a unique opportunity to inter-act with fire service personnel and other professionals from around the world and I encourage all personnel to strive for acceptance into this program.

Please join me in congratulating them on their acceptance, wishing them great success, and supporting them in this endeavor. “



Email from Captain Rich Bell to all BC Campos and Bock on Aug 23 thanking the C shift engine certification instructors (Nick Navarro, Garrett Coryell, Roger Cutshall, Darin Muchmore, Robert Yanes, Patrick Hopkins, Rob Rappaport, Scott Richmond, Ed Clark):

Chiefs,

I just wanted to take a moment to thank all the "C" shift Engine Certification Instructors. I believe they all made it a success!!! I have heard great things from all the students, and I believe each instructor spent many hours preparing. Again, a BIG THANKS to each of the instructors. The class really seemed to be a success and it would be nice to put on another class in a year or two.

Thanks, Richard Bell

Email from retiring Eng Bob Linden on Aug 27:

READY OR NOT – I'M RETIRED

Well. It's my turn to let our fire family know, on 8-28-2009 "I'm Retired". It's one of the hardest calls I've had to make. After 31-1/2 years of service to our City of Riverside community, with the honor of working for the best fire department, made up of the best co-workers I've had the privilege to know. One interaction I enjoyed that started long before me and I hope continues long after: In the fire house, we the fire family often have "Community Chow Conversation" on a wide variety of subjects, some even pertaining to our careers. Activities creating camaraderie and teamwork have helped the RFD to not just be a great fire department to work for, but a department that offers a fantastic career and a lifetime of friendships. As I proceed with the next chapter of life, I know my heart will often miss the RFD as I reminisce of times past on the job, as I watch a fire truck responding code 3, as I ring the door of a fire station the rookie answers can a help you sir, or as I pray for the safe return of firefighters, from an incident I see or hear on news coverage. Stay Positive ! Have Fun! Be Safe ! God Bless !





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Email from BC Jeff Dredla (EMS Coordinator) to members of EMS CQI Committee (Chuck Clements, Tyler Reynolds, Chris Anderson, Tim Odebralski, Hector Calvillo, Eric Wilmer, and Steve McKinster) on Aug 24:

Just a note to say THANK YOU for all the work and effort you put in to make this “first year” EMS CQI a great success. Not only have we identified areas to improve upon to better our ALS care, but other agencies are still taking note of our strong drive for improvement and the standards we have established (Note the following email to Chief Earley from Bruce Barton/Director EMS: “...Chief, just a quick note to validate the efforts of your EMS group. Chief Dredla delivered your department's annual CQI report to the EMS Agency today. This is very nice work. Your group has set the bar high...”).

We have completed our past CQI evaluation period and are ready to move on to the next CQI evaluation period for August 2009 to June 2010. I have submitted the new indicators to REMS for evaluation with expected approval.

I hope to schedule a “closing” meeting with all of you to thank you for your efforts. I will be offering a chance for department members to become part of the CQI team for this next evaluation period and each of you are certainly encouraged to reenlist (if you so desire).

Again, I can't give you enough thanks for helping make this CQI a great success, and I'm looking forward to meeting with all of you soon... Jeff Dredla

This email was then followed up with an email from DC Pentz expressing his gratitude as well:

All,

I just wanted to emphasize the appreciation that Chief Dredla has passed on to all of you and thank him for his leadership with the EMS program, as well. All of you are to be commended for an outstanding job. Working together as a team has definitely met our ultimate goal of improving our level of service to the citizens that we come in contact with. Chief Earley and I are very proud of our EMS program.

Keep up the great work, Oran



September Birthdays



Bill Aviles	9/20
Rich Bell	9/6
Scott Blair	9/25
Clinton Breads	9/19
Anthony Frausto	9/7
Evan Green	9/11
Dave Hernandez	9/12
Steve Jeremiah	9/18
Karen McCoy	9/2
Darin Muchmore	9/5
Oran Pentz	9/14
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

Congratulations

18-month probation: Paul Young

Truck Certification: Michelle Jackson

Retirement: Eng Bob Linden (Aug 28)

Accomplishments

6-month practical: Trevor Keseloff

12-month practical: Paul Seawright
and Matt Stibal

Yosemite Bike Ride

Thomas Jay, Frank Smith, Dave Montoya, Bob Pina, Steve Jeremiah, and Rob Rappaport took a trip on their Harley motorcycles up to Yosemite, across to Monterey, down the coast to Santa Barbara and home via the Angeles Crest Highway. The trip took four days, and all the riders had a blast according to TJ.



Growing Families

Justin Flagg is the proud father of a baby girl, Sloan Aveya Flagg, born at 11:48pm on Aug 10. She weighed 8 lbs 2 oz and was 19 inches long.



Fog Dog

Eng Tim Odebralski and Nikko attended the annual Fog Dog training in Monterey Aug 28-30. Three other canine handlers from CATF-6 also attended. The dogs and handlers rotated through various search problems.



State Certified RIC Class

RFD hosted a state certified RIC class at our Training Tower on Aug 29 and 30. Dru Odil, Rich Bell, and Bill Milligan instructed the class.



Upcoming Honor Guard Events



Sept 2: Supervisor Roy Wilson Interment in Palm Desert w/ Thomas Jay performing Bugle Services

Sept 6: 5th Annual Remember Our Heroes at Fairmount Park w/ Thomas Jay performing Bugle Services (Photos included)

Sept 11: Ex Council Member Johnny Sotello Service at National Cemetery w/ Thomas Jay performing Bugle Services, two additional Honor Guards w/axes and one fire unit

Sept 12: LODD Public Memorial for LA County Firefighters at Dodger Stadium w/ personnel and units TBD

Sept 17-19: IAFF Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Colorado Springs w/ Chris Stamper and Tim Vanderhorst participating in various Honor Guard duties

Sept 28: Cal Chiefs Convention in Riverside with RFD Honor Guard Posting Colors

Sept 29: 8th Annual Blue Mass in Redlands w/Thomas Jay performing Bugle Services and two other honor guard members attending (TBD)

Oct 2-4: National Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Emmetsburg, MD w/ Thomas Jay, Bill DeLaHoya, and Bill Schellhaus to perform various Honor Guard duties

Oct 16-17: California Firefighters Memorial in Sacramento w/ Thomas Jay on the Command Staff and six other Honor Guards participating in various duties

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L to R: David Greyschock drills on forcible entry props with his Arlanza crew; Arlington High School Girls Volleyball Team washes the squad and engine from Arlington Fire Station at their car wash fundraiser; Detective Jim Dana demonstrates RPD radiological monitors at the CHOG training in Idyllwild (hosted by Hemet FD) to Pat Gabler and Jeff Larson

Strike Team Responses



La Brea/Lockheed



Station

Cottonwood/OakGlen



Yuba

