



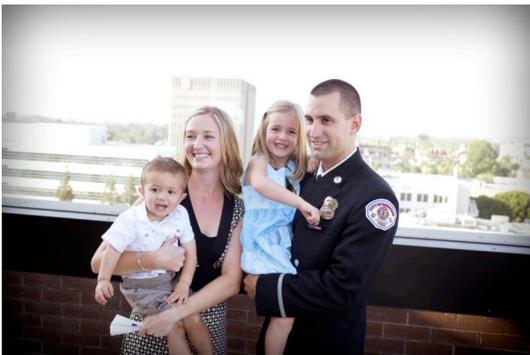
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July 2009

## Badge Pinning Ceremony

Badge presentations were made to Fire Chief Steve Earley, Captain Rich Bell, Engineer Clinton Breads, Engineer Greg White, and FF/PM Shannon Smith on July 15th at a ceremony held on the 7th Floor of City Hall. Some attendees went to dinner at Mission Inn following the ceremony. Photos by Daniel Balboa





***Email from Leroy Geohagen on July 12, 2009:***

On behalf of my family and myself, I wanted to take the opportunity to say "Thank You" to all of you for your thoughts and words of encouragement during my period of bereavement. The card was very much appreciated along with each personalized thought. This transition in the process of life known as death is not a question of "if" for us, but a matter of "when" and for those of us who have that blessed hope through our faith in the one and only true God, it sets the tone for how we process and handle such a circumstance. When such comfort is extended from your fellowmen, it doesn't eliminate what you feel deep down but in many ways it cushions the impact knowing that someone cares. May God bless you all.

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***Email from Dru Odil on July 26, 2009:***

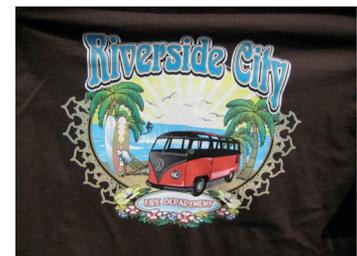
Hello everyone, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the efforts of a few individuals who went above and beyond in an effort to help our fellow Firefighters. Approximately 32 hours of drivers training was delivered in the month of July. Eng. White was the "A" shift coordinator and has been involved in the drivers certification program from the inception. Capt. Holloway coordinated the hydraulics for all three shifts. Eng. Colby, Eng. Williams and Eng. Reynolds team-taught the classes. A shift should be proud of a job well done.

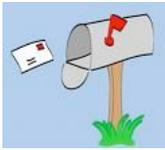
Thank you to everyone involved. Captain Dru Odil

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## **New RFD T-shirt Designs**

Contact: Tim Odebralski at Station 2A. Adult sizes available. Special orders upon request





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**Email from Renee Griffin on July 29, 2009:**

Once again...you all should have a huge smile on your face! Because of everyone's efforts, we have raised \$400.00 for June!

A correction for May's recycle drive too. Steve (our recycle guy) donates all his recycles to us too, so he added another \$100.00 to May's totals. This brought the month of May to \$300(Family Day) + \$400(May recycles) = \$700.00 for May!!!!

We also already have \$150.00 for July so far, and I will be out to the rest of the stations this week or next to finish off July's recycle run.

Just for info: our RFD recycle family includes; All stations, Admin, Prevention, Dispatch, USAR, Explorers and now Fire Maint. We are also working on getting some bins at the Orange Crest Club for events.

Please keep bringing them in from home and make sure every bottle and can goes towards making a difference. And remember....

YOU ARE ALL AWESOME!!!!!!!



The RFD is going GREEN!!! Even Nikko is recycling



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**Email from Cathy Williams on July 30, 2009 to Fire Explorer Advisor Tim Odebralski:**

I would like to thank you and following explorers: Taylor Dorman, Michael Nunnenkamp, Rafael Llamas and Donovan Hall for the incredible help you all gave to my parents with their recent move. Everyone went above and beyond. I can't express how much my parents appreciated the help and how impressed they were with the explorers. They are an exceptional group of young men and my parents can't stop bragging about them to the others at their complex. Thank you all so much.

# Line of Duty Death Recognition



The Department and Union have been working collectively with the California Fire Foundation on the Riverside City Fire Department's Line of Duty Deaths (LODD). We researched any work related deaths or LODD since the inception of our fire department. Through the efforts of Captain Tony Perna and the RCFA, three of our personnel fall into this category and have been accepted to the California Firefighters Memorial. They are:

- Engineer John Pavlicek; passed May 7, 1987
- Captain Guadalupe "Lupe" Olivas; passed July 29, 1997
- Captain Ronald "Rick" Kosar; passed October 26, 2002

This is the same memorial where we had the honor of placing Firefighter Ed Teran's name to honor him in 2006. We will now have the opportunity to honor Engineer John Pavlicek, Captain Lupe Olivas, and Captain Rick Kosar on this memorial.

Please join us in honoring those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our profession and pay respect to those they have left behind at the annual memorial ceremony.

Where: California Firefighter's Memorial  
1400 Tenth St  
Sacramento

Date: Saturday, October 17, 2009  
(B Shift on duty)

Captain Thomas Jay has been selected as Honor Guard Commander at this event.

Please go to [www.CPF.org](http://www.CPF.org) for specifics on the event under The California Firefighters Memorial. Then click on The 2009 Memorial for the host hotel's information.

A special thank you to Captain Perna and the RCFA for all of their efforts to ensure our firefighters receive the honor they deserve.

Please feel free to contact Tony Perna with any questions - Station 5B (909)363-6875.

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## August Birthdays



Fred Bayer	8/28	Dave Olivas	8/12
Hector Calvillo	8/6	Dave Peurifoy	8/7
Garrett Coryell	8/9	Dan Richmond	8/28
Todd Gooch	8/8	Tim Rise	8/17
Tim Heying	8/17	John Russell	8/15
Chris Ingalls	8/26	John Sierra	8/18
Tim Kessel	8/14	Chris Stamper	8/11
Andy Lanyi	8/3	Jason Tinsmen	8/27
Joshua Lavin	8/10	Brent Wilkins	8/24
Don Lee	8/6	Paul Young	8/24
Herb Mercer	8/11		

## Explorers Win...

RFD Fire Explorer Post 101 took 1<sup>st</sup> place overall and 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the bucket brigade at the annual Inland Empire Fire Explorer Association Muster in Apple Valley on July 25.



## Congratulations

**Engine Certification:** Steve Hill and Bryan Klinke

**Truck Certification:** Mike Allen

## Wheelchair Basketball Game

The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Wheelchair Basketball Exhibition was held at Poly High School on July 18<sup>th</sup> at 2pm. The event is an annual fundraiser for the Riverside Community Access Center, a non-profit organization dedicated to helping the physically disabled citizens of our community. The RFD team included: Rich Bell, Ron Rondero, Steve Loner, Tim Vanderhorst, Steve Hallgren, Tony Garcia, Bryan Klinke, Pat Hopkins, and Bryan Hoffman. Our team continued its streak of losing all its games even with a 30 point spread.



## Spirit of Courage Award



FF/PM Jeff Lewis received the Burn Institute's Spirit of Courage Award on June 20



Samantha and Dustin with their new baby daughter, Dakota

# Photo Album



June 6 Wildland training at Camp Pendleton:  
Tony Perna, Tony Giovannetti, Brandon  
Mollicone, Sean Smith



Tim Odebralski and Tony Burciago were on  
the CAL Fire Combined Roller Hockey Team  
that won the gold in the Fire Olympics



Steve Jeremiah at a vegetation fire  
in the Arlanza area



Deputy Fire Marshal Letbetter sports  
the newest fashion in hardhats



Captain Thomas  
Jay displays his  
custom paint job.  
His bike was  
recently featured  
in one of the  
monthly fire  
publications.



PHOTO ALBUM



July was a busy month for rescues at the River Bottom



Below: A plane crash near the airport runway



Crews prepare to make an attack on the Monroe Fire



The A-shift Arlington Fire Station crew models our new safety vests



Joe Rosales Sr. included a visit to Fire Prevention on his last shift before retirement