



the General Alarm

Jan 2012

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New Year's Day Dog Rescue

E5A and S5A (Bob Ward, Tom Kleveno, Paul Seawright, Andy Ferchaw, and Steve Edwards) responded to a dog rescue on the morning of New Year's Day. The dog was reported to be stuck under a car. Both units responded to find JJ under a vehicle. He had become very scared from the fireworks and gunshot noise of New Year's Eve and forced his way under the car. Fire units used the air bags to lift the car and release the dog. JJ was tired but happy. He showed his appreciation with lots of tail wagging and licks to the crews





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Email from Eng Chris Adams on Jan 15: Hi Everyone. Here is an account of our final Spark of Love Toy and Monetary (Includes Gift Card) counts, but the final numbers were 7417 toys and \$4167 in monetary and gift card donations. We had a huge year and I wanted to thank everyone for your support, if you like to help out with next year's Spark of Love Toy Drive which will be celebrating its 20th year please contact me at any time. The toy count list was broken down by Stations and Station 3 collected the most toys for 2011 with 646, way to go. Thank you once again and look forward to doing an even better job in 2012.



Email from Deputy Chief Mike Esparza to all RFD Personnel on Jan 18: Today I received a phone call from Jannene Yeager, daughter-in-law of retired Fire Engineer Albert Yeager. She relayed to me that Albert Yeager passed away on 1/16, he was 87. Yeager retired from our department in 1978. The services for Yeager will be on Wednesday January 25, 1:15, at the Riverside National Cemetery.

I was able to talk to Mrs. Yeager (Betty), she shared how much her husband loved the fire department and that he spent most of his time working in the Arlanza/La Sierra area and at "Headquarters". The family is asking that instead of sending flowers that consideration be made to send donations to the Riverside City Firefighters Foundation. Make checks payable to RCFA, P.O. Box 7817, Riverside, CA. 92513. Please put "Foundation" in the memo line.

The Foundation has been created by the Riverside City Firefighters Association, Local 1067, as a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization that supports the families and survivors of fallen Riverside City Firefighters and the building of the Riverside Firefighters Memorial to be built on the downtown mall.



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Birthdays



February Birthdays

Cory Bruce	2/26
Romney Ellsworth	2/23
Lee Davis	2/7
Michael Deto	2/26
Thomas Jay	2/11
Dirk Jensen	2/9
Bob Pina	2/5
Tony Robbins	2/1
Steven Scotti	2/19
Greg White	2/8
Scott Wilson	2/14
Robert Yanes	2/19

Public Safety Officer of the Month

by John Peurifoy:

PSD Alissa Hughes was chosen as public safety officer of the month. She was chosen for her great work as a Medical Dispatcher. She calmly gave instructions to a father who delivered his baby while en-route to the hospital. Alissa was able to calm the dad down and instruct him on what to do. It's a pleasure to say mom, dad, and baby are doing great. She was recognized at the city council meeting on January 24 by Police Chief Sergio Diaz and Division Chief Bob Bock. Thank you to Station 1 and 6 units for supporting Alissa and attending her ceremony.



Captain Tim Odebralski spotted this intersection and thought of our own FF/PM Keith Anderson.





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San Diego Firefighters' Emerald Society

Cordially invites Firefighters, Families and Friends to attend the

32nd Annual Saint Patrick's Day Parade

"Celebrating the Spirit of Ancient Ireland"

Saturday, March 17th, 2012

Please come join the Emerald Society kick off Parade Day at our Annual

Firehouse Breakfast

The Pioneer Hook & Ladder Firehouse Museum
1572 Columbia Street — 5:30 AM – 09:30 AM

Following the morning festivities the Fire Service will lead off the Parade with a fleet of apparatus and the crowd favorite

Fi Na Time - March of the Firefighters

After the parade stick around to enjoy live Irish music and the family festival!

Fire Service Parade Staging @ 9:30 AM
Staging location is @ 6th Street between Juniper & Ivy
Parade kicks off at @ 10:30 AM promptly
Marching Attire is Class A or B Fire Department Uniform



Captain Tim Odebralski and his USAR Search Dog, Nikko, added certified therapy dog to their resume.

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Station 5A crews visited the YMCA on Jan 14.



2012 RCFA 1067 Retirement Party

**March 31, 2012
Riverside Convention Center
6pm**

For information, contact Tony Perna at Downtown FS

More Mail...

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January 25, 2012

Riverside City Fire Department
Attn: Steve Early, Fire Chief
3775 Fairmount Blvd.
Riverside, CA 92501-2778

Dear Steve:

The City of Palm Springs and the Palm Springs Fire Department would like to thank you and your department for the response of Riverside City E-4 and their crews to our wind event on January 21, 2012.

The City of Palm Springs and the Palm Springs Fire Department would like to commend the professionalism of your crews in assisting the City in responding to our 80 calls for service in a five hour period.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Scott Ventura".

Scott Ventura
Fire Chief

SV/jb



Burn Foundation Race

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RCFA 1067 participated in this year's Burn Foundation Fundraiser at Pole Position in Corona on Jan 21. The team took 3rd place in the 150 lap event. The 5 person team consisted of: Craig Kodat, Dave McClellan, Pat Hopkins, Cory Bruce, and Josh Lavin.



CERT Class 40

Members of CERT class 40 use extraction and lifting to remove a victim that was buried under debris during their final practical exam on Saturday January 21st. All did a great job and graduated. Congratulations to our new CERT members. CERT members from Class 40 sort out the injured during their final exercise at the City Fire Training Facility.





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Canyon Crest Station
Happenings
by Chuck Clements



Growing Families



Tyler Reynolds: Congratulations to Tyler and Jay Reynolds on the birth of their first child, son Hudson Glen Reynolds, was born on Jan 12 (same birthday as his dad). Hudson weighed 6 lbs 12 oz.

Steve McKinster: Steve McKinster and wife Trish welcomed their daughter Christa Ann McKinster into the world on Thursday (1/19). She was born at Kaiser Riverside weighing 7lbs, 3oz and was 19inches long. All are doing well.



RFD Receives 2011 Assistance to Firefighters Grant by Shari Call

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The Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) is the premier grant funding source available to the fire service. Each year, thousands of fire agencies, career, volunteer and combination, apply for grant funds to obtain essential firefighting equipment and training. In this highly competitive process, grant applications undergo multiple reviews, beginning with an automated pre-scoring, which evaluates how closely requested items align with AFG priorities of reducing response times and improving firefighter safety for the type of community served. The highest scoring applications then advance to the peer review stage, during which at least three peer panel reviewers from fire agencies across the country evaluate each project narrative and assign subjective scores. The projects receiving the highest combined Pre-Scoring and Panel Review scores then undergo a Technical Review by a subject matter specialist as well as a Program Office review prior to being recommended for award.

From our 2011 AFG application, RFD was awarded \$98,303 (80% of the total costs) for Capnography Waveform Monitoring Devices, and Blue Card Command Certification Training. Capnography Waveform Monitoring Devices measure carbon dioxide levels in a patient's exhaled breath, quickly revealing a patient's respiratory status and confirming correct placement of breathing tube. The addition of Capnography Waveform Monitoring Devices to our existing Life Pak defibrillators will better equip our paramedics to deliver high quality emergency medical services. The second project, Blue Card Command Certification Training, will teach fire officers how to standardize incident operations, providing safer, more effective hazard zone procedures, system-wide accountability and ultimately, fewer injuries to firefighters. Through a combination of Train-the-Trainer and online course assignments, all fire officers will achieve Blue Card Command Certification, increasing RFD's ability to effectively manage emergency operations.

Recent RFD projects funded through AFG include: Completion of the Westnet "First-In" Alarm Notification System, purchase of new generators for Fire Stations 2 and 3, and digital portable radios. We anticipate that the next opportunity to apply for AFG funds will be late spring/early summer. If you have a program funding need, please fill out a **Grant Request form**, available in G:/ADMIN/FORMS, and route it to your Battalion Chief for approval. Projects submitted will be evaluated by the Deputy Chief and Fire Chief, who will ultimately decide which projects to include in our 2012 AFG application. If you have any questions about the AFG Program, please contact Administrative Services Manager Shari Call.