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Helping Neighbors... The Mountain Fire

Riverside City FD sent six engines, two strike team leaders (with trainees), two Line EMT's, and one safety officer trainee to the Mountain Fire in Idyllwild. Crews worked 24 hours shifts for five to seven days until Mother Nature cooperated with rain. Here are some photos taken by those crews on the fire line.





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Email from Captain Steve Jeremiah to BC Scott Blair on July 6: I want to pass along my thanks to the dedicated explorers that came out to Station 14 Saturday morning to help clean up the hose pile from the Sycamore Fire. These fine young men did great work that is always appreciated. Special attention to Gonzales who stayed until all the work was done at 11:10 am.

Shant Barmaksyan
Dominic Luna
Davis Reeves
Raul Gonzales III

Additional note: 14's peeps- Colby, Clements, Fenzke, rookies Waltemeyer, Christensen, and Powell. All helped out with the project. Colby's hose washer cart was a great asset washing the 7200 feet of hose!



Email from Gina Perez on July 7 to Volunteers who assisted in Menifee Missing Child Search (BJ Ratliff, Emilio Lopez, Jose Barragan, Richard Naggar, D. Yanire Zayres, Frank Cedeno, Kimberly Patterson, David Bell, Greg Crouch, Larry Hernandez, Debbie Gonzalez, Ingrid LeMasters, Lisa Schulz-Garcia): By now you may have heard the news that remains have been found on the Menifee property and that the investigation is being handled by the Riverside County Sheriff's Department. I and the entire Riverside Fire Department would like to thank you for your quick response to our CERT Activation request to help in the search. I know that the outcome is not what any of us were hoping for, But your hard work under extremely hot weather conditions and through rough terrain at times, is greatly appreciated. I am VERY proud to have all of you as part of our Riverside CERT Team.



Email from Scott Wilson on July 23: Jennifer and some of the RFD wives from left is, Jen, Caroline Luna, Rosie Jensen, and Monique Russell. They and Husbands all met for lunch to get Jen out of the house. We have received lots and lots of support from many of our RFD Family. Jen is always appreciative.





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Birthdays



Congratulations

August Birthdays

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

New Hires: FF Miguel Ahumada (July 9) FF Kevin Rodgers (July 9), FF Frank Granados (July 22), FF Joseph Gooding (July 23)

6 month probation: Garry Lingafelter (July 9); Jonathan Tilton (July 12); Mark Powell (July 31)

Assignments: Inspector Margaret Albanese was selected to fill the Plans Check Engineer vacancy in Fire Prevention effective July 5.

Public Safety Officers of the Month

Garrett Coryell, Cory Bruce and Chris Ingalls were recognized by the Chamber of Commerce at the July Good Morning Riverside for their selection as June Public Safety Officers of the Month.



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Email from Resident Christian Beau to Chief Earley on July 19: Dear Chief Earley, I sincerely appreciate the great job the Firefighters of Station 7 did today during a tour for our group of Kindergarten through 3rd grade Dual Language Immersion Students (Spanish) from Washington and Castle View Elementary schools. Our group is always looking for unique opportunities to learn about important professions while experiencing them in a Spanish format. Firefighter/Paramedic John Sierra did just that. The kids were engaged, enjoyed the hands on experience of handling a charged fire hose and donning and doffing a fire outfit. They also greatly enjoyed watching Firefighter Mistretta don his turnouts and equipment in 60 seconds.

Please give a special thanks to Firefighter / Paramedic J. Sierra and crew members Cpt. Reynolds, Engineer B. Fuentes and Firefighter Mistretta. A special thanks should also be extended to Cpt. Caceras who has been instrumental in our positive group contacts with your organization.

As a former city worker myself (Ret.), I know how tours can become a dime a dozen and can become busy work in the middle of an already busy day. I did not feel this way about your employees however. It was clear they enjoyed our presence and their enthusiasm for their job was intoxicating. Again, thank you so much. We greatly appreciated being welcomed into their home away from home.

Best Regards,

Beau Christian
Parent/Riverside City Resident



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July 26, 2013

To Riverside's finest at Station #1,

I would like to personally thank you for your service to our community and especially for racing to extinguish the recent fire at The Palms Apartments. I am so appreciative to the entire crew that attacked the flames and stopped them from destroying the entire building. And a special thanks to first responders, Dustin Fenzke and Dave Castaneda, who I had the honor of meeting when they briefly stopped by the apartment building the next day.

You men are true heroes. On behalf of my family and the tenants that reside at The Palms Apartments community, THANK YOU!

With gratitude and respect,

Dan Epstein
Owner
The Palms Apartments

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Firefighter Olympics

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Members of the Riverside City Fire Department participated in several events at this year's Firefighter Olympics in San Diego from July 29-Aug2.

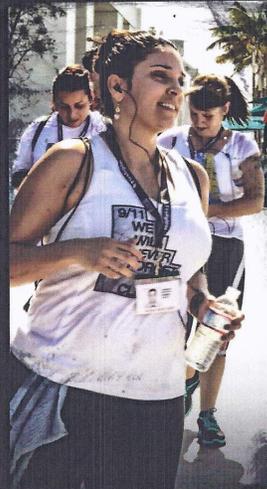
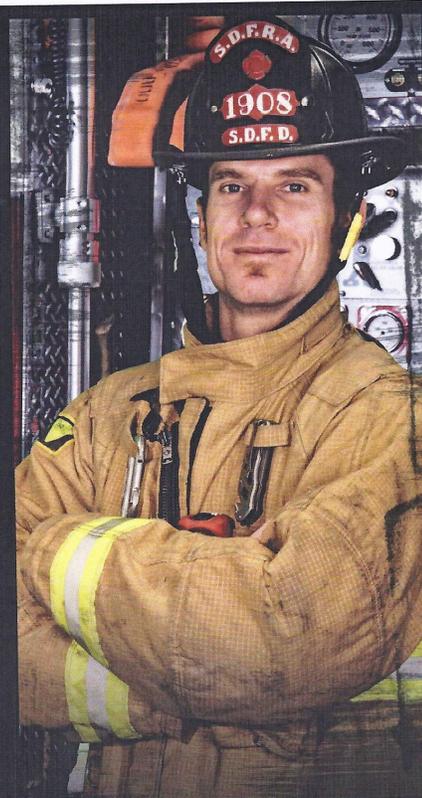
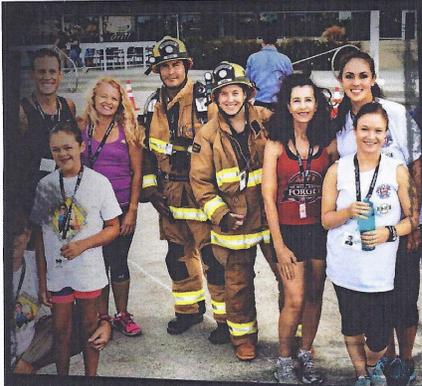
Softball: The RFD Softball Team came so close to getting a medal at the California Firefighter Summer Olympics. Players included: Dave Olivas, Bruce Harter, Garrett Coryell, Chris Anderson, Scott Huchting, Steven Fisher, Aaron Wible, Chris Adams, Paul Avila, Mike Estrada, Jeremy Roberts, and Zach Pettikas. RFD finished in 4th place with a record of 6-2 over the 4 day tournament. Final Division 2 Results: Stockton- Gold; Newport - Silver; Glendale - Bronze; Riverside - 4th; Modesto - 5th (tie); Chula Vista - 5th (tie)

Hockey: Tim Odebralski and Josh Lavin. (Roller-Silver and Ice-Gold)

Soccer: Frank Smith, Pat Hopkins, Paul Young, Bobby Redondo, Paul Seawright, Dru Odil, Chris Stamper, Bill Stamper, Jesse Norton, Jonathan Turley, and Josh Fudge

Golf: Dave Hernandez and Retired Captain Charlie Luna





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Brazil Visit: Art Torres, Assistant Chief from OES, brought Commanding Officers from the Brazilian FD to visit our department. The Brazilian FD is part of the military and responds to all fires in their country.

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New Station 3 Captain: Station 3 C shift introducing new Tech Rescue Captain Navarro to confined space equipment. Is that Eric Peniata, or Piñata?



Probationary FF Photos

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Left: Mark Powell drills with 24' ladder and 14' roof ladder. Above: Kevin Rodgers on his first shift, July 9, with Station 1C crew.



Left: DC Esparza welcomes FF Joseph Gooding on his first shift at Station 8 on July 23. Below: FF Miguel Ahumada on his first shift July 9.





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Growing Families Double the Joy

Congratulations to Chris Naron and his wife Casey who welcomed their twin daughters, Abigail Velma and Charlotte Thelma, on July 19.

In the past few years, there have been several sets of twins born to RFD members. If you are a twin or are parent to twins, can you email Lisa Holloway by Sept 30 with the names, ages, and genders of the twins along with a photo? There will be an article in an upcoming edition of the General Alarm.



Sunnyside Incident: On July 13, RFD crews responded to a structure fire on Sunnyside

Palm Incident: On July 25 at 1:28 am, RFD crews responded to a structure fire at the Palms Apartments. Crews made an aggressive attack on the fire preventing it from spreading beyond the apartment of origin



Optimist Club Award

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Each year the Optimist Club recognizes firefighters and police officers for their contributions to the community. This year Firefighter/Paramedic Jeff Lewis has been selected to receive the "Respect for Law" Award (Fire Category) from the Riverside Optimist Club. Jeff's selection was based on his efforts with the Explorers. FF Lewis was honored by the local chapter at their monthly luncheon on July 31 at the Canyon Crest Country Club.

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Prescott Firefighter Memorial: RFD Chaplain Steve Ballinger, FF Renee Griffin, FF Scott Huchting, Engineer Tom Irwin, and Retired Captain Bob Markin attended the memorial service in Tuscon for the 19 Hot Shot firefighters who tragically died on the Yarnell Fire.

