



the General Alarm

June 2012

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Family Day 2013

June 9 marked the department's third official Family Day. The event was held at the department EOC /Training Facility from 10am-3pm. Approximately 500 people attended the event including RFD members, Explorers, volunteers, family, and friends. There were demonstrations, children's activities, lunch, static displays, bucket brigade (won by the Fire Admin Team), and t-shirt sales. A huge thank you to the Family Day Committee including: Chairperson Renee Griffin, Dave Austin, Carol Blake, Rand Brinkman, Dave Castaneda, Kristen Clements, Anthony Frausto, Rob Gabler, Anna Hauldren, Michelle Jackson, Kristen Johnson, Jeff Lewis, Karen McCoy, Tim Odebralski, Ray Orozco, Norma Pagan, and David Revollo. Other helpers on Family Day were: Mike Williams, Romney Ellsworth, Brian Fuentes, Bob Markin, Cathy Mitchell, Lisa Holloway, and Probationaries/Cooks Paul Avila, Zachary Pettikas, Kyle Phillips, Aaron Wible, Anthony Bons, Matthew Dalton, Jonathan Trujillo, Jonathan Tilton, Dominic Mistretta, Garry Lingafelter, Alex Austin, Mark Powell, David Nelson, David Waltemeyer, Dan Christensen, Jacob Proctor.



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Family Day Thanks

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RFD Family,

Thank you again for participating in the Family Day Raffle this year. The total earnings were approximately \$2400!!! All of the funds raised will be kept in our Union's Firefighter Foundation account.

Listed below is a list of all of the prize winners. Congratulations to all of you who won! Please make sure you check the list – you may have won a prize and don't know it!

If you need to claim your prize, please contact Norma Pagan at the EOC. Make sure that you call her before coming prior to coming in to pick up your prize. She can be reached at 951-320-8190, M-F.

Sincerely,
Family Day Committee

The raffle winners and the prize(s) they won are as follows:

Chief Hearn- California Pizza Kitchen GC, Killarneys GC, Tabletop Fountain
Chief Bock- Cheesecake Factory GC
Captain Jay- 2-way radios
Carol Crouch- Toaster
N. Acosta- RFD T-shirt
G. Mistretta- El Torito GC
S. Weaver- Toaster
A. Clements- Remington Gift Bag
C. Campos- California Pizza Kitchen GC
M. Mann- Toaster
S. Sanders- Mission Inn Brunch for 2
M. Lewis- Toaster
C. Mathis- Country Folks Kitchen GC
C. Sauza- Mazz Jazz Bar and Grill GC
Lisa Munoz- Beach Bag
Kim Sabatello- RFD T-shirt
Captain Coryell- Buck Knife
Captain Bell- RFD helicopter Ride for 2
Engineer F. Smith- Leather Photo Album from D'Alesio, TGIF GC
Chief Fisher- California Pizza Kitchen GC, Killarneys GC, Beauty products Gift Bag
B. Mollicone- Arbonne Skin Care Products Gift Basket
Captain McDowell- Toaster
Engineer C. Anderson- Fritz Ford Free Oil Change GC, Johns Incredible Pizza Buffet GC
Captain A. Hernandez- Killarney's GC
B. Young- Flag Pole
M. Detoy- Lucas Oil Gift Basket, FF statue
Chief Koury- Luggage Gift Basket
Captain de la Hoya- Toaster
J. Collins- Amaya Japanese Restaurant GC
Captain Ward- Toaster
Captain Odebralski- California Pizza Kitchen GC
M. Griffin- RFD T-shirt
D. Proctor- Dog Bed
C. Torres- Killarney's GC
Engineer Wilde- Spa Gift Basket
L. Maldonado- Angel game tickets for 4
C. Nunez- P.F. Changs GC



A special raffle was held for beautiful quilts made by the mother-in-law of BC Dave Bakas (above) and Ann Fisher, wife of retired Division Chief Mike Fisher



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Birthdays



Retirees

July Birthdays

Bob Abbruzzese	7/18
Chris Anderson	7/22
Rick Cabrera	7/19
Dan Christensen	7/11
Tony Giovannetti	7/22
Al Hernandez	7/4
Robert Leaphart	7/3
Bryan Russell	7/23
Kevin Whitaker	7/1
Eric Wilmer	7/30
Steve Wu	7/1



Congratulations

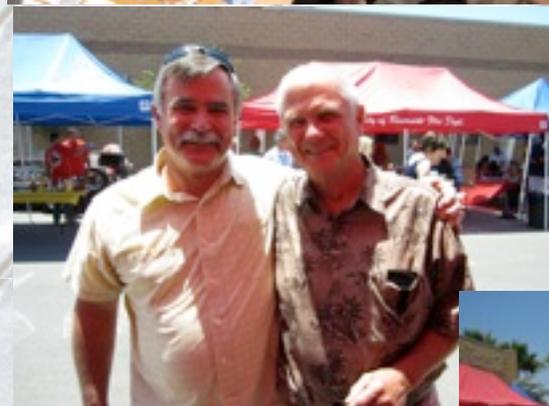
6 Month Probation: Jonathan Trujillo

12 Month Probation: Aaron Wible

New Hires: Welcome to recent new hires: FF/PM David Waltemeyer (April 12); FF Dan Christensen (April 23); FF Jason Proctor (May 28); FF Christopher Brandstetter (June 7); and FF Matthew Powell (June 21)



Many retirees attended the 2013 Family Day. Top to Bottom: Retired Deputy Chief Oran Pentz & Div Chief John Martinez w/ Brandon Pentz's classic car; Retired Cpt Bob McConnell and his wife; Retired Eng Steve Zaricki helped identify department photos for FD museum; Retired Cpt/Chaplain Tony Braun and Retired Cpt Roger Marquee; Retired BC Jerry Barden, Training Cpt Bill DeLaHoya and Deputy Chief Dave Austin





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Training Times...

Inaugural Wildland Chainsaw Class (S-212)

The RFD's Inaugural Wildland chainsaw class was held on June 6. Lead Instructor was Brian Guzzetta. Assistant Instructors were Shawn Bauer, Josh Fudge, Dave Revollo, Paul Avila



S234 Firing Class

A two-day firing class was held throughout June for qualified RFD members. One day was classroom and the other hands-on firing at the old Riverside Golf Course. Lead Instructor was Brian Guzzetta.



Cat Rescue

On June 16, T2C assisted in rescuing a kitten from 75' up in a Cypress tree. Don Henry climbed the aerial and brought the cat down in his SCBA turnout coat pouch. Way to go, Don!!!



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Then & Now

Then...FF Dave Bakas in the late 1980's and BC Dave Bakas now.



Station 2 Get Fit Challenge

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FF Anthony Frausto and FF/PM Ron Nunan challenged each other to a friendly "Get Fit" weight loss competition at Station 2 in June. Over a four week period, almost 20 pounds was lost between them. Nunan was the victor losing over 5% of his weight. Congratulations to both guys on their healthy lifestyle changes.



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On June 4, the City of Riverside Fire Department hosted Hands-Only CPR training in honor of National CPR Week. The demonstrations were held at Downtown City Hall, Riverside Plaza in front of Panera Bread and the Galleria at Tyler Riverside, June 4, 2012. In honor of National CPR Week, the American Heart Association (AHA) collaborated with the Riverside County Emergency Medical Services Agency to coordinate countywide CPR program. Emergency healthcare providers, such as fire departments, ambulance companies, hospitals and education programs went out into the community to teach residents how to save a life with CPR.



Hands Only
CPR

Public Safety Officers of the Month

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The following employees were selected as Public Safety Officers of the Month for June 2013: Brush 1 Crew of Cpt Garrett Coryell, Eng Cory Bruce, and FF Chris Ingalls.

On May 4 at approximately 6pm, Riverside City Fire Department units responded to a vegetation fire in the area of Hawarden Drive, Raeburn, and Maude Streets. Our 911 Communication Center received several calls that the fire was in a ravine and threatening numerous homes.

While enroute, fire personnel could see a large column of smoke from the area and additional resources were quickly requested. The weather conditions at the time were: outside temperature was approximately 75 deg; winds were 15-20 mph with gusts to 25mph+.

Units arrived in the area to find a wind driven fire in light, flashy fuels and trees. The fire was spreading towards houses on Hawarden, Maude, and Raeburn. Access to the fire area was difficult; units and personnel made access and pulled fire hose through several private yards and properties.

On Raeburn Drive, Brush 1 was assigned to protect a large Victorian home (which is a historic landmark) from the advancing fire. Brush 1's crew with Cpt Coryell, Eng Bruce, and FF Ingalls experienced locked five-foot tall wrought-iron driveway gates and several large dogs protecting the property. The home owners were not available. Cpt Coryell assessed the threat to the home and chose to make access onto the property to protect the home. After gaining access by climbing over the top of the driveway gates, the crew was able to peacefully calm the agitated dogs. When they gained access to the rear of the home, they found burning embers were landing on the roof and were beginning to burn the wood shake shingles. Brush 1 crew acted quickly by pulling hose lines thru the yard and then onto the roof to extinguish the spot fires on the wood shingled roof. As soon as the Brush 1 crew completed extinguishment on the roof, they then pulled lines thru the yard and into the ravine/arroyo area to extinguish the fire that was advancing.

If the captain and crew of Brush 1 had not acted as quickly and decisively, this historic landmark would have been overrun with fire and possible complete destruction. It is for these actions, RFD Brush 1 crew is being recognized as our Public Safety Officers of the Month. The crew was recognized at a City Council meeting and Good Morning Riverside Breakfast.

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FAMILY DAY ACTIVITIES:

Left: Bill Milligan and Matt Mathis demonstrate rappelling head first.
Right: Explorers demonstrate the water ball event

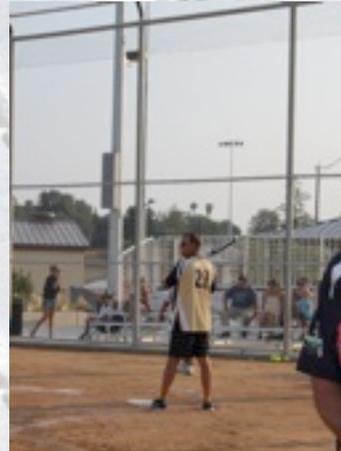




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SOFTBALL GAME

On June 29, as part of the ceremonies to commemorate the grand opening of the Ryan Bonaminio Park, Riverside City Fire and Police Departments played a charity softball game. Both teams played hard on this very warm day, but RFD was victorious at the end. Last year RPD won the match at the grand re-opening of Hunter Park. To be continued in 2014...



Some highlights from the game included the 4 for 4 batting performance by new RFD player, Fire Chief Steve Earley, and Bruce Harter's hitting "the cycle" including an over-the-fence homerun.



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FF Christopher Brandstetter on his first apparatus drill

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FF/PM Jeff Lewis and Explorers participated in the Relay for Life in Murrieta where they completed all 24 hours on the track in turnouts.

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Tech Rescue works at the Placentia Incident on June 25.



Growing Families

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Mark Powell Wedding (by John Peurifoy): Congrats to FF Mark Powell (Engine 11-C) who got married to his long time girlfriend Michelle on June 1st. The happy couple will live in Rancho Belago. We wish you a happy life.



Greg White's Baby: Captain Greg White and his wife, Deena, welcomed the delivery of their new baby boy, Evan Carl White, on June 17 at 1153. Evan weighed 7 lbs 11 oz and was 21 inches long. Congratulations to the White Family!

Panorama Fire

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Crews perform overhaul duties at the June 17 Panorama Fire



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More Family Day Photos...



L to R: Odie at t-shirt booth; Chuck Clements and family; the McKinsters; the Reynolds

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